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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

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PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Toronto, on Saturday, the eleventh day of August, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C...	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. W. A. Lyon.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
V. W. Bro. Ira Bates	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. J. W. Bell, D.D.	as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. Donald Ross.....	as Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. W. D. Tye	Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Chas. Stark	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. Wilby	as Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. J. McP. Ross	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Thos. Pedler	Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. F. H. Anderson	as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Wm. McEachren.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. R. E. Porter	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. J. C. Jordan	
W. Bro. A. A. Hoover	
W. Bro. T. F. Hodgson	
Bro. W. E. Nugent.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren from the various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock p. m. by M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new lodge rooms of The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balmy Beach.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession formed under the Grand Director of

Ceremonies, and marched to the site under prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 11th day of August, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906, and the 6th
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions
beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency, EARL GREY, being Governor-General
of Canada.

The Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieut.-
Governor of Ontario.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion
of Canada.

Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

ALBERT E. KEMP, ESQ., being Member of the House of
Commons for the Constituency of Toronto East.

ROBERT ALLEN PYNE, being Member of the Legislative
Assembly for the Constituency of Toronto East.

M. W. BRO. JAMES H. BURRITT, K. C., being Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in
the Province of Ontario.

R. W. BRO. D. A. RADCLIFFE, being D. D. G. M. of the
Toronto East District No. 11.

This Corner Stone

Of the new rooms of The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, was laid by
M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, in
the presence of a large concourse of the brethren
and citizens of East Toronto.

The Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll in the cavity of the stone, together with a box containing certain newspapers, records and coins.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The

M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made. truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The procession was then re-formed, the brethren returned to the lodge room and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Fort William on Thursday, the twentieth day of June, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.

PRESENT :

- R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands.....as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Col. S. W. Ray.....as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. Fred. Symesas Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Geo. A. Grantas Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. E. J. Harper.....as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. J. H. Perryas Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. John Armstrongas Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. D. F. Andersonas Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. A. McNaughtonas Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. J. T. Hollingshead...as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobieas Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
R. W. Bro. Allan McDougallas Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. G. D. Higginbottom...as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. R. H. Nielandas Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. W. Symes
Bro. Robt. Corbett
Bro. A. G. Smith
Bro. J. J. Wells
Bro. D. M. Mitchell ...
Bro. E. H. North
Bro. J. McCorkindale ..
Bro. John Huxtable ...
Bro. F. E. Trapp
Bro. Geo. Hill
Bro. T. M. Piper
Bro. D. C. Flett
W. Bro. F. B. Allen.....as Grand Tyler.

as Grand Stewards.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in form at 3.30 o'clock p. m. by R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands, acting Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand

Lodge was called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, and Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William.

W. Bro. George H. Coe, W. M. of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, then read an address of welcome and presented the acting Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel, suitably inscribed.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 20th day of June, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907, and the seventh year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions
beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency, EARL GREY, being Governor-General
of Canada.

Hon. Wm. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieut.-
Governor of Ontario.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion
of Canada.

Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

JAMES MURPHY, being Mayor of the City of Fort William.

M. W. Bro. J. H. BURRITT, K. C., being Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands, being D. D. G. M. of the
17th Masonic District.

W. Bro. GEROME H. COO, being W. M. of Fort William
Lodge, No. 415, Fort William.

This Corner Stone

Of the Masonic Temple at Fort William was laid by R. W. Bro.
C. J. Hollands, acting for the Grand Master, assisted by
the acting Grand Lodge officers, in the presence
of a large concourse of brethren and
citizens of Fort William.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial
containing coins, newspapers and other records in the
cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master and the acting Grand Wardens then applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The stone was then consecrated with corn, wine and oil and pronounced well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The acting Grand Master then delivered an address on the Symbolism of the Corner Stone, Grand Honors were given, and the acting Grand Chaplain invoked a further blessing. The procession being re-formed, Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room and Grand Lodge was closed in form.



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At the Fifty-second Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Ottawa, commencing on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of July, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., on the throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed.

R. W. Bro. Henry A. Taylor.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. George Crystal.....	as Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C...	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. W. D. Tye	Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. James H. Leach	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Douglas Robertson...	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. W. Hyndman	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedler	as Assist. Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan	as Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. William Forbes.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. J. R. Fraser	Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. Robert Delahay ...	
V. W. Bro. W. A. Clark	
V. W. Bro. W. L. Blair	
Bro. John Sweetman	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. R. N. Fraser	Erie	District No. 1
" Stewart McWhorter..	St. Clair	" 2
" R. F. O'Neil	London	" 3
" S. G. Holley.....	South Huron	" 4
" S. J. Cameron	North Huron	" 5
" J. W. Dutton	Wilson	" 6
" John Jardine	Wellington	" 7
" Lyman Lee	Hamilton	" 8
" W. H. Wright	Georgian	" 9
" B. J. Leubsdorf	Niagara	" 10
" A. J. Anderson	Toronto West	" 11
" D. A. Radcliffe	Toronto East	" 11a
" H. G. Hutcheson	Ontario	" 12

R. W. Bro. F. L. Webb.....	Prince Edward District No. 13	
“ William Jackson	Frontenac	“ 14
“ Geo. T. Martin	St. Lawrence	“ 15
“ William Northwood...	Ottawa	“ 16
“ C. J. Hollands	Algoma	“ 17
“ J. B. Way	Nipissing	“ 18
“ James Whitten	Muskoka	“ 19
“ E. R. Bonnsall	Otonabee	“ 20
“ S. S. Reveler	Eastern	“ 21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen....	Ireland.
R. W. Bro. A. J. Young.....	Alberta.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	British Columbia.
R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May.....	Queensland.
M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C...	South Australia.
R. W. Bro. Alf. F. Webster.....	Tasmania.
R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson...	Victoria.
R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed.....	Alabama.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, K. C....	Arkansas.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Connecticut.
M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, K.C.	District of Columbia.
M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C....	Georgia.
V. W. Bro. J. H. Flock, K. C....	Idaho.
R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw	Illinois.
R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt.....	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White	Maryland.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Minnesota.
R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt	Nebraska.
R. W. Bro. William Rea	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	New York.
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell	Oklahoma.
R. W. Bro. David Taylor	Oregon.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C...	South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. H. D. Leask.....	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. Jas. McLachlan.....	Tennessee.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson....	Washington.
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C...	West Virginia.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Brazil.
R. W. Bro. George Tait	The Island of Cuba.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, M. A...	Hungary.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Peru.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper.....	Porto Rico.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—A. A. Stevenson, Hugh Murray, Henry Robertson, W. R. White, E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, Benjamin Allen, J. H. Burritt, W. A. Sutherland (honorary).

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—G. A. Aylesworth, Joseph Beck, Geo. J. Billett, E. R. Bonnsall, W. T. Bradley, E. B. Butterworth, D. D. Campbell, D. J. Cameron, E. M. Carlton, A. Carmichael, H. W. Clary, S. E. Cornell, A. M. Cunningham, W. J. Drope, E. Fitzgerald, R. M. Frazer, A. M. Ful-

ton, J. F. Graham, Frederick Guest, R. L. Gunn, F. W. Harcourt, J. C. Hegler, S. G. Holly, H. G. Hutcheson, Hugh Hyndman, W. Jackson, E. A. Johnson, H. D. Leask, J. G. Liddell, R. W. Longmore, J. A. Macfadden, W. A. Mackay, D. F. Macwatt, Allan McDougall, Thomas McCarroll, W. D. McPherson, D. McWhorter, Geo. Malcolm, G. T. Martin, George S. May, J. C. Morgan, J. A. Morton, J. B. Nixon, William Rea, S. S. Reveler, John Robertson, Donald Ross, James Ross, A. Shaw, D. B. Simpson, F. J. Skinner, R. W. Stevenson, W. G. Stevenson, George Tait, James Tancock, David Taylor, R. W. Watchorn, J. B. Way, F. L. Webb, A. F. Webster, William Webster, Aubrey White, Jas. Whitten, John Wilson, A. J. Young.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—W. G. Eakins, J. A. McLachlan, P. H. McDonell.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—William Forbes, A. E. Cooper, John Huckell.

Past Grand Chaplains—W. T. Wilkins, Geo. Chrystal.

Past Grand Treasurers—M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.

Past Grand Registrars—J. C. Boyd, W. C. Wilkinson.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—J. G. Forgie.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies—W. Hyndman.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—W. J. McAllister.

Past Grand Stewards—J. H. Flock, W. L. Blair, T. D. Diamond.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge Mr. D'Arcy Scott, Mayor of the city, accompanied by Aldermen Kilt, Pepper, Rosenthal, Farron, Boudreault and Short, were introduced by R. W. Bro. Northwood, D. D. G. M., when His Worship welcomed the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge in the following words:

WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND GENTLEMEN:

Permit me as Mayor of this city to offer, in the name of the Municipal Council and our citizens generally, a hearty welcome to Ottawa. I extend to you the freedom of the city. I am not quite sure what it is, but the Ottawa brethren will, doubtless, find it for you.

We are honored by your choice of Ottawa as the place of meeting for the Grand Lodge for this year, and we thank you for it. We think you were well advised when you made the choice. Ottawa being the capital of our fair Dominion, and a centre for thinking, intelligent men, it is but fitting that so important an organization which has for its aims the development of all that is best and noble in the human mind and the making of good citizens of our country and loyal subjects of our glorious King, should not overlook this great city and its eagerness for the honor which you have conferred upon us.

Sir, your Order has the good fortune of having seven lodges in our city, and let me tell the visiting brethren that we are proud and that they also should be proud of the men who constitute the number of those lodges. Some of the ablest aldermen around our City Council Board are Freemasons; many of our leading and prosperous merchants, business and

professional men belong to the Order, and among the noble and self-sacrificing, yet greatly underpaid band of civil servants, we find many of them holding important places in the Order in this city. It is a compliment to the city and to the Ottawa brethren that you have come here, and I believe that the kind and hospitable treatment which I know you will receive from the Ottawa Freemasons will amply repay you for my shortcomings in the few words I now address you.

I am informed, Sir, that it is the object of Freemasonry in this country, to inculcate in its numbers principles of religious and civil toleration and liberty ; that it teaches fidelity and truthfulness, loyalty to the King, and strict honor in all the affairs of life ; that it practices kindness and benevolence, promotes broad-minded toleration, relieves distress and comforts the afflicted. If this be correct, and I doubt it not, may God bless you in your undertaking and guide you in your council. Would that we could build up in this country a lively Canadian national spirit, putting aside all sentiments or prejudices that are inconsistent with it, and putting aside all religious differences whatever. Let us have a Canadian national spirit which will ever lead us on to a still firmer devotion to our great King Edward the Seventh and will make us greater Britons, and that we make Canada worthy of the honorable position she holds to-day as the strong right arm of the greatest empire upon which the sun has ever shone.

Fellow countrymen, again I welcome you most heartily to the city, and thank you for the honor conferred upon us by coming here.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made suitable reply, and the deputation retired.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10.30 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

R. W. Bro. Northwood, D. D. G. M. of the Ottawa District, then introduced the Worshipful Masters of the Ottawa lodges, who presented the following address of welcome.

To the Most Worshipful Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with feelings of unalloyed pleasure that the members of the craft in Ottawa extend to you a hearty and fraternal welcome on the occasion of the fifty-second annual communication of Grand Lodge. This pleasure is enhanced by the fact that the deliberations of Grand Lodge are to be presided over by a distinguished brother of our own district. We feel sure that all the other Craftsmen in our jurisdiction recognize, with us, that during your two years' tenure of office you, Most Worshipful Sir, have worthily upheld the traditions of our

noble Order. In the efficient discharge of the duties which Grand Lodge entrusted to you two years ago you have displayed marked ability, combined with a ripe experience. By your untiring zeal and generous self-sacrifice the Craft has greatly prospered, and when the time comes for you to hand over the gavel to your successor we feel sure that it will be the unanimous opinion of Grand Lodge that the ancient landmarks have been rigidly observed by you.

We greet Grand Lodge in the jubilee year of the Capital. Exactly fifty years ago Ottawa was selected as the seat of government in Canada by her late majesty, Queen Victoria, and it seems, therefore, but fitting that the present communication of Grand Lodge should be held at the National Capital. On January 1st, 1855, or two years before the decision of her late majesty was announced, the city took on its corporate existence, the very same year that this Grand Lodge was organized. Ottawa at that time had a population of less than 7,000 ; to-day we can boast of over 70,000. We feel a natural pride in our city, in its steady progress, its magnificent buildings, its splendid institutions and its beautiful surroundings, and we can assure the brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction of a cordial welcome by our citizens, irrespective of creed or nationality.

Reference to the action of our late beloved Queen recalls to mind that the Sovereigns of England have for centuries been patrons of the Craft. His Majesty King Edward VII. was for some years Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge, a position held to-day by his distinguished brother, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, K. G.

In offering our welcome, brethren, we desire to express the hope and belief that your stay in Ottawa will be both pleasant and profitable, and that in the highest degree it will be promotive of our noble institution.

May you be guided by the Great Architect of the Universe to devise plans for our future that, building on them wisely, we may more fully than in the past exemplify the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Signed on behalf of the Craft in Ottawa.

WM. NORTHWOOD, D. D. G. M.,
Masonic District No. 16.
J. W. G. ROBERTS, W. M.,
Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52.
R. M. ARMSTRONG, W. M.,
Doric Lodge, No. 58.
A. T. PHILLIPS, W. M.,
Civil Service Lodge, No. 148.
E. C. WIGHT, W. M.,
The Builders' Lodge, No. 177.
WALTER L. JOYNER, W. M.,
Fidelity Lodge, No. 231.
ROBT. MacCRAKEN, W. M.,
Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264.
W. D. JONES, W. M.,
Prince of Wales, No. 371.

To which the Grand Master made a suitable reply.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges reported that there are 398 warranted lodges on the register; 297 are represented; 101 unrepresented. There are 632 names registered, having a total of 1,252 votes.

The following are the names of those present:

- No. 2. Niagara, Niagara.**
W. Bro. J. Dew Randall, W. M.
- No. 3. The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.**
W. Bro. O. W. Daly, W. M.; Bro. W. H. Gimblett, S. W.,
and W. Bro. George Creegan, P. M.
- No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.**
W. Bro. Albert E. Foxton, W. M., and W. Bro. A. H. Gil-
lam, P. M.
- No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. George Armstrong, W. M.; R. W. Bros. A. T.
Freed, Thomas Clappison, W. Bros. H. S. Griffin, R. W.
B. Smith, James Ferres, C. E. Cameron and George
Moore.
- No. 7. Union, Grimsby.**
W. Bro. C. H. Pettit, W. M.; Bro. J. S. Morris, S. W.;
R. W. Bros. W. J. Drope, William Forbes, W. Bros. A.
F. Hawke, W. F. Randall and C. T. Farrell, P. M's.
- No. 9. Union, Napanee.**
W. Bro. D. A. Vallean, W. M.
- No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.**
R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P. M.
- No. 11. Moir, Belleville.**
W. Bro. A. A. Roberts, W. M.
- No. 14. True Britons, Perth.**
W. Bro. W. T. Hands, W. M., and W. J. McKerracher.
- No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto.**
R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, Proxy; George Tait, W.
Bros. H. T. Smith, J. S. Lovell, A. E. Hagerman and L.
H. Luke, P. M's.
- No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.**
W. Bro. J. G. Nichols, W. M.
- No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.**
W. Bro. H. U. Tobey, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross,
P. M.
- No. 20. St. John's, London.**
W. Bro. Thos. Roe, W. M.; R. W. Bro. James Tancock.

- No. 21a. St. John's, Vankleek Hill.**
W. Bro. A. M. Cheney, W. M.
- No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.**
W. Bro. W. Stinson, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Aubrey White,
W. Bros. W. A. Lyon and J. McKerracher, P. M's.
- No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill.**
W. Bro. T. A. Lamon, W. M.; Bro. W. H. Ligge, S. W.;
W. Bros. T. Newton and P. G. Savage, P. M's.
- No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.**
W. Bro. F. C. Hager, W. M.; R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin,
V. W. Bro. W. Hyndman, W. Bro. G. W. Fluker, P. M's.
- No. 25. Ionic, Toronto.**
R. W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, Proxy; George J. Billett,
W. G. Eakins, P. M's.
- No. 26. Ontario, Port Hope.**
W. Bro. A. H. C. Long, W. M.
- No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. J. A. Yorick, W. M.; R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.
- No. 28. Mount Zion, Kemptville.**
Bros. H. Bustard, S. W.; W. L. Maley, J. W.
- No. 29. United, Brighton.**
W. Bros. Geo. Drewry, W. M.; C. A. Lapp, P. M.
- No. 30. Composite, Whitby.**
W. Bro. J. J. Lynde, W. M.
- No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmanville.**
W. Bro. G. C. Bonnycastle, W. M.; R. W. Bros. D. B.
Simpson, E. R. Bonnsell and W. Bro. J. C. Mitchell,
P. M's.
- No. 33. Maitland, Goderich.**
R. W. Bro. Joseph Beck, P. M.
- No. 34. Thistle, Amherstburg.**
W. Bro. W. T. French, W. M.
- No. 37. King Hiram, Ingersoll.**
W. Bro. J. W. Patterson, Proxy, P. M.
- No. 38. Trent, Trenton.**
W. Bro. R. H. Spencer, Proxy; R. W. Bro. W. T. Wil-
kins.
- No. 39. Mount Zion, Brooklin.**
W. Bro. John W. Thomson, P. M.
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 J. M. Skead, J. W. ; R. W. Bros. T. M. Northwood, John
 Wilson, Jas. Turley, W. Bros. John B. Wright, E. Geo.
 Shaw, Wm. McCoy, H. P. Payley, C. W. Close, A. E.
 Cowan, P. M's.

No. 372. Palmer, Bridgeburg.

W. Bro. J. G. Watts, P. M., Proxy.

No. 373. Copestone, Welland.

W. Bros. James Eastman, W. M. ; G. W. Sutherland and
 G. H. Pettit, P. M's.

No. 374. Keene. Keene.

W. Bro. James McNeill, P. M., Proxy.

No. 376. Unity, Huntsville.

W. Bros. John McLeod, W. M. ; S. A. Hutchison, D. M.
 Grant, J. E. Fisher, P. M's.

No. 378. King Solomon's, London West.

W. Bro. A. L. Simmie, W. M. ; J. T. McDougall, P. M.

No. 379. Middlesex, Bryanston.

W. Bro. C. C. Roberts, W. M.

No. 380. Union, London.

W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, P. M., Proxy.

No. 382. Doric, Hamilton.

W. Bros. F. S. Corson, W. M. ; A. B. Clark, P. M.

No. 383. Henderson, Winchester.

R. W. Bro. S. E. Reveler, W. Bro. David Wishart, P. M's.

No. 384. Alpha, Toronto.

W. Bro. H. C. Scully, W. M.

No. 385. Spry, Beeton.

W. Bro. H. F. Moore, W. M.

No. 386. McColl, West Lorne.

W. Bro. A. Petherick, W. M.

No. 387. Lansdowne, Lansdowne.

W. Bro. J. A. Bradley, P. M., Proxy.

No. 389. Crystal Fountain, North Augusta.

Bro. J. C. Checkley, S. W. ; W. Bros. J. Chapman and
 A. A. Chapman, P. M's.

No. 390. Florence, Florence.

W. Bro. J. H. Snary, W. M.

No. 392. Huron, Camlachie.

W. Bro. Thos. Crawford, W. M.

- No. 394. **King Solomon, Thamesford.**
R. W. Bro. R. F. O'Neil, P. M.
- No. 395. **Parvaim, Comber.**
W. Bro. A. J. Brown, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 396. **Cedar, Wiarton.**
R. W. Bro. D. J. Cameron, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 398. **Victoria, Kirkfield.**
Bro. A. E. Oliphant, J. W.
- No. 400. **Oakville, Oakville.**
W. Bro. J. R. Byers, W. M.
- No. 402. **Central, Essex.**
W. Bro. T. D. McClery, W. M.
- No. 403. **Windsor, Windsor.**
W. Bro. A. D. Bowlby, W. M. ; Bros. H. D. Drake, S. W. ;
James Newson, J. W. ; W. Bro. R. H. Revell, P. M.
- No. 405. **Mattawa, Mattawa.**
W. Bro. C. W. Haentschell, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 406. **The Spry, Fenelon Falls.**
R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, P. M.
- No. 408. **Murray, Beaverton.**
W. Bros. Fred. F. Ritchie, W. M. ; W. Williamson, P. M.
- No. 409. **Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.**
W. Bros. W. W. McPhee, W. M. ; J. H. Elliott, P. M.
- No. 410. **Zeta, Toronto.**
W. Bros. J. G. Cane, W. M. ; E. Barber, D. Gregg and
W. R. Cavell, P. M's.
- No. 412. **Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.**
W. Bro. T. B. E. Simpson, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. J. B.
Way and William T. Bradly, P. M's.
- No. 414. **Pequonga, Kenora.**
R. W. Bro. John Brydon, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 415. **Fort William, Fort William.**
W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe, W. M.
- No. 416. **Lyn, Lyn.**
W. Bros. Geo. Bryson, W. M. ; T. Austin Smith, P. M.
- No. 418. **Maxville, Maxville.**
W. Bros. C. A. Stewart, W. M. ; Henry Samuel and C.
D. Smith, P. M's.
- No. 419. **Bismarck, Point Edward.**
W. Bros. J. E. Mitchell, J. E. Livingston, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 420. **Nipissing, North Bay.**
W. Bro. N. J. McCubbin, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. A. J.
Young, H. D. Leask, W. Bro. G. W. Lee, P. M.

- No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.**
W. Bros. J. E. McIntyre, W. M. ; J. A. V. B. Preston,
Jas. McLennan, Thos. Moss, P. M's.
- No. 423. Strong, Sundridge.**
R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 425. St. Clair, Sombra.**
W. Bro. W. W. Stover, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 426. Stanley, W. Toronto Junction.**
W. Bros. W. J. Sheppard, A. H. Royce, R. W. Bro. A. J.
Anderson.
- No. 427. Nickel, Sudbury.**
W. Bro. Jas. A. Orr, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 428. Fidelity Port Perry.**
R. W. Bro. H. G. Hutcheson, P. M.
- No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.**
V. W. Bro. John Parsall, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 434. Algonquin, Elmsdale.**
W. Bros. J. H. Mileage, W. M. ; A. W. Freeland, P. M.
- No. 435. Havelock, Havelock.**
W. Bros. Henry Pay, W. M. ; A. Kniesvasser, P. M.
- No. 436. Burns, Hepworth.**
W. Bro. A. Reid, W. M.
- No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. Alex. Goss, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell,
P. M.
- No. 439. Alexandria, Alexandria.**
Bro. G. A. Bradley, S. W.
- No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.**
W. Bros. E. C. Young, W. M. ; D. J. Hartle, S. Phillips,
P. M's.
- No. 441. Westport, Westport.**
W. Bros. J. R. Gorrell, W. M. ; A. W. Gray, P. M.
- No. 442. Dymont, Thessalon.**
V. W. Bro. W. L. Nichols, W. M. ; W. Bro. Geo. Shaw,
P. M., Proxy.
- No. 443. Powassen, Powassen.**
W. Bro. W. Carmichael, W. M.
- No. 444. Nitetis, Creemore.**
W. Bro. Alex. Earle, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 446. Granite, Fort Francis.**
R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 447. Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
Bro. A. D. McInnis, J. W. ; W. Bro. T. H. Connor, P. M.
- No. 449. Dundalk, Dundalk.**
W. Bro. J. F. Vandusen, W. M.

- No. 450. **Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury.**
W. Bro. W. R. Montgomery, R. W. Bro. E. O. Johnson,
P. M., Proxy.
- No. 451. **Somerville, Kinmount.**
W. Bro. E. A. White, W. M.
- No. 452. **Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. W. H. Winters, W. M.
- No. 453. **Royal, Fort William.**
R. W. Bro. Allan McDougall, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 454. **Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. J. W. Harris, W. M.
- No. 456. **Elma, Monkton.**
W. Bro. A. J. Cundick, W. M.
- No. 458. **Wales, Wales.**
W. Bro. C. O. Carson, W. M.
- No. 459. **Cobden, Cobden.**
W. Bro. Robert Delahley, P. M.
- No. 460. **Rideau, Seeley's Bay.**
W. Bro. C. C. Gilbert, W. M.
- No. 462. **Temiscaming, New Liskeard.**
W. Bros. A. B. V. Summers, W. M. ; F. W. Haynes, E.
A. Anderson, P. M's.
- No. 463. **North Entrance, Haliburton.**
W. Bro. A. Clarke, W. M.
- No. 464. **King Edward, Sunderland.**
W. Bro. John L. Tipp, P. M.
- No. 466. **Coronation, Elmvale.**
W. Bro. W. H. Sparling, W. M.
- No. 467. **Tottenham, Tottenham.**
W. Bro. John McCabe, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 469. **Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie.**
W. Bro. T. D. Ross, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P. M.
- No. 473. **The Beaches, Balmy Beach.**
W. Bro. W. A. Lyon, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 474. **Victoria, Toronto Junction.**
W. Bros. W. J. Shepard, W. Wilby, P. M's.
- No. 475. **Dundurn, Hamilton.**
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 476. **Corinthian, North Gower.**
W. Bros. A. E. McCordick, J. H. Cryderman, P. M.,
Proxy.
- No. 477. **Harding, Woodville.**
W. Bro. E. A. Staback, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 480. **Williamsburg, N. Williamsburg.**
W. Bro. C. F. Whittaker, W. M.

No. 481.

Corinthian, Toronto.

W. Bro. John Stephens. W. M. ; V. W. Bro. J. W. Jones, S. W. ; W. Bro. J. T. Little, J. W. ; W. Bros. W. H. Hutcheson and W. G. Jones, P. M's.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from M. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, J. Ross Robertson, J. M. Gibson and William Gibson, Past Grand Masters.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the rear of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of Proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and

Resolved, That the minutes of Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fifty-first Annual Communication, held in the City of Toronto on the 18th and 19th days of July, A. D. 1906. having been printed and copies hereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read, and amended in so far as the motion giving leave to vote upon the notice of motion in reference to undress clothing given by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, substituting the name of W. R. White for that of Hugh Murray as the seconder of the motion, and that as so amended they be now confirmed.

At this stage of the proceedings a deputation from the Grand Lodge of New York, consisting of R. W. Bro. Thomas Penney, of Buffalo, and R. W. Bro. A. Crook, of Brooklyn, was introduced by M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, Hugh Murray and W. A. Sutherland.

After having been cordially welcomed by the Grand Master each of these brethren made eloquent replies to the words of greeting of the Grand Master.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

The twelve months since we last met in annual communication have gone only too quickly, and have brought

us to the 52nd Communication, and I welcome you all at this meeting in the Capital City of the Dominion. I have said the months have gone too quickly; this is in a comparative sense. To one who has been uniformly busy in any line of work, he is not measuring hours nor weeks, and consequently not keeping track of the units; to him, time space is covered by leaps and bounds, and to me it seems only a short time since we met one year ago in Toronto.

As your guardian, *ad interim*, I have endeavored to be watchful of your interests, and I am pleased to say whilst last year was a most strenuous one, and one in which more or less work of a disagreeable character was cast upon me, this year is marked as one of almost universal peace within our jurisdiction. There has been only one slight ripple of trouble, which has been adjusted, and I am advised by the M. W. the Grand Secretary that there is only one case of minor import before the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, the smallest number in the history of Grand Lodge for 49 years. Surely this is good news that I hand down to you, evidencing that education along Masonic lines is bearing fruit, that we are becoming less technical and carping about what, a few years ago, would be considered a grievance.

Our prosperity, financially and numerically, is also a matter of sincere thankfulness. That Masonry should grow with the numerical growth of our fair Province goes without comment, and the financial growth must, or ought to be, in *pari materia* with the other. Our financial increase this year over last year, the most prosperous year in our history, is \$2,982.00. Our numerical increase is 3,000, and our capital account, as you will learn presently, stands at \$114,852, after an expenditure of \$34,351 for all purposes, including Benevolence, whilst our total membership is over 40,000.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Since we met last year the Reaper has been at his work. Amongst those whose names will be recorded in the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead are two or three about whom I wish to say a word or two.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, K. C., P. D. D. G. M., has left us. He was about my contemporary as a member of Grand Lodge, and did not miss a meeting. He was a

most lovable man; a man of sterling integrity; he did his work in Grand Lodge, involving, in a sense, a large measure of sacrifice. Some look upon the meeting of Grand Lodge as an outing, reasonably sandwiched with a small modicum of duty. This was not R. W. Bro. Roaf's view of his place in Grand Lodge. As the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials most of you know with what cheerfulness he did his work, early and late, with a fidelity worthy of imitation, whilst others were at recreation. He will be missed by his old friends in Grand Lodge, but his unselfish devotion to the work assigned to him will never be forgotten by those who travelled the past years with him.

R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District, has also gone. At his death he was Speaker of the Local Legislature of Ontario. To be called away at any time is sad, and leaves aching hearts; but to be taken as our R. W. Brother was, whilst he was in full bloom as to years and usefulness, filling a place as first Commoner in the Councils of the province, and thereby fitting himself for more active usefulness when his term of office was finished, was especially sad. Masonry can ill afford to lose such men; still, we should face the fact fairly and say, as of old, "the King is dead, long live the King." Death is inevitable, and we view it properly if we take advantage of those lessons taught by those better lives and go on with our work whilst it is left for us to do, for the good of others.

R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, P. D. D. G. M., and Chairman of Printing and Supplies in Grand Lodge, has also passed away. He had been a worker in Grand Lodge for many years. The extent of his work was not readily appreciated by those of Grand Lodge who were not of the Board of General Purposes, his report covering only special and technical ground, which did not attract much attention; still, he was a most valuable member of the Board and did his work always unostentatiously and most satisfactorily, requiring a man trained in the work. He had to attend to the printing and proof-reading of the Grand Master's address and of all the several reports from the sub-committees of the Board to Grand Lodge. He was a man of great weight in the district where his home was (London), and will be greatly missed in Grand Lodge.

IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

The following have been reported to me:

Colorado—Geo. Keith Kimball, Past Grand Master.

Connecticut—Frederick S. Stevens, Past Grand Master; Miles W. Graves, Grand Treasurer.

Florida—Norvelle R. Carter, Past Grand Master.

Georgia—William R. Davis, Past Grand Master.

Kansas—John Guthrie, Past Grand Master.

Michigan—This State has suffered severely by the death of a Grand Master, two Past Grand Masters, and a Grand Senior Warden. Charles L. Stevens, Grand Master, laid down his gavel. He, as Deputy Grand Master in 1905, visited our Communication at Hamilton with the Grand Master. Charles Fitz-Roy Bellom, P. G. M. This brother was Professor of the State Normal School for 25 years, and the writer of several text books on mathematical subjects. Henry Chamberlain, Past Grand Master. Erastus E. Stone, Grand Senior Warden.

Minnesota—Charles Griswold, Past Grand Master.

Minnesota—Thomas Montgomery, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary at his death.

Montana—Cornelius Hedges, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary at his death. He evidently was a very able man.

Nebraska—George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master.

New Hampshire—Albert S. Wait, Past Grand Master.

New York—Frank H. Robinson, Past Grand Master. I, with M. W. Bro. B. Allen, was the recipient of his splendid hospitality in New York in May, 1906, referred to in my address last year. I learned when there that M. W. Bro. Robinson had been on the bench, but had to retire on account of ill health. The obituary notice of his death sent me speaks of him as "a kingly man, in the height of his usefulness and the zenith of his fame. An exemplar of our Craft has fallen."

Ohio—Charles A. Woodward, Past Grand Master.

Rhode Island—Edward L. Freeman, Past Grand Master.

Virginia—George Davis, Past Grand Master.

Washington—William H. Upton, Past Grand Master.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

Last year I was called upon, as your Grand Master, to show our practical sympathy with the Masonic sufferers

in California, which you enthusiastically endorsed. A like calamity has been visited upon the City of Kingston, Jamaica, also by an earthquake, causing the death of many Masons, the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of their property, and bringing to a host of Masonic homes penury.

This is a branch of the Masonic world akin to us in blood, which, of course, ought not to, nor does it to me, make any difference. News came to me through R. W. Bro. Drope, P. D. D. G. M., who had an account of the disaster from R. W. Bro. E. Jordan Andrews, Treasurer of the Government of the Island. The distress was quite as great as at California, when the want of means to alleviate the distress is compared with the wealth which flowed into the hands of the Grand Master of California. I thought I was doing your behest in sending to R. W. Bro. Andrews a cheque for \$1,000.00 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, "for the relief of distressed brethren, their wives and families." R. W. Bro. Andrews says: "We have not a Masonic Temple standing, and it is with sorrow I have to tell you that we have lost many of our valued and distinguished brethren, who have been killed. We have no large fund to meet the urgent calls from families of our deserving brethren, who have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above." I have received his acknowledgment, with profuse thanks to the Grand Lodge of Canada. I look for your approval of my act.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren of this jurisdiction have received commissions to represent other jurisdictions near our Grand Lodge, upon my recommendation:

Grand Lodge of Alberta—R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. D. D. G. M.

Grand Lodge of Queensland—R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, P. D. D. G. M.

Grand Lodge of Peru—R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, P. D. D. G. M.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota—R. W. Bro. Judge Leask, P. D. D. G. M., vice R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, deceased.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska—R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M., vice R. W. Bro. W. Roaf, deceased.

Upon the nomination of their Grand Masters, I have caused to be issued commissions to the following brethren to represent our Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge of Queensland—Lord Chelmsford, Governor-General.

Grand Lodge of Alberta—R. W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop.

Grand Lodge of Ohio—M. W. Bro. Frank S. Harman.

Grand Lodge of West Australia—W. Bro. Capt. Collett, vice W. Bro. Col. McWilliams, deceased.

WARRANTS.

The following Warrants have been granted since last Communication:

Gore Bay, No. 472, Gore Bay.

The Beaches, No. 473, East Toronto.

Victoria, No. 474, Toronto Junction.

Dundurn, No. 475, Hamilton.

Corinthian, No. 476, North Gower.

Harding, No. 477, Woodville.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Dispensations continued from previous year:

Bancroft Lodge, Bancroft.

Milverton Lodge, Milverton.

Russell Lodge, Russell.

The following lodges were granted dispensations since last Communication:

Williamsburgh, Williamsburgh, District No. 21.

Corinthian, Toronto, District No. 11a.

Granton, Granton, District No. 3.

I was obliged to refuse two petitions for two lodges, one with some regret.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodges were dedicated and constituted:

Gore Bay, No. 472, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Tweed, No. 239, by Col. Ponton, P. D. D. G. M.

Teeswater, No. 276, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Fidelity, No. 428, by myself.

The Beaches, No. 473, by the D.D.G.M. of the District.

Corinthian, No. 476, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Victoria, No. 474, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Harding, No. 477, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Dundurn, No. 475, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Alviston, No. 323, by R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt.

Burlington, No. 165, by R. W. the Deputy Grand Master.

Aldworth, No. 235, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Temiscaming, No. 462, by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. D. D. G. M.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

There were, altogether, too few held during the year. I was able to be present at two. These meetings are very useful in several ways. There is always some brother present who is an authority on the work, and mistakes are corrected before officers from every lodge in the District. At least three lodges take part in the exemplification of the degrees, an honest rivalry to excel is created in each set of officers, and the work is so placed before new lodges and those who have not much chance of seeing any but their own work, and is an education for their future guidance. They also bring together brethren from all parts of the district at least once a year for fraternal and social fellowship, as well as instruction. I would urge upon each incoming District Deputy Grand Master to have at least one Lodge of Instruction held in his district during his year of office.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved of new by-laws and amendments to by-laws to the number of 63. In most of the cases of amendments it was increasing the Initiation and Joining Fees.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

In consequence of the death of R. W. Bro. Dewar, Chairman of the Committee of Printing and Supplies, I appointed R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M., in his place on the Board for the balance of the term.

On the death of R. W. Bro. Roaf, also a member of the Board, I appointed V. W. Bro. J. H. Flock, K. C., London, in his stead, for the balance of the term.

CORNER STONES.

On the 2nd of August, 1906, I laid the corner stone of the new lodge building of The Beaches Lodge, East Toronto. This lodge had received its Warrant one month before, and is one of the youngest lodges in the

jurisdiction. Its enterprise is an example to the older lodges.

On the 20th July last the corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Fort William, Algoma District, was laid by R. W. Bro. Hollands, District Deputy Grand Master, acting for me.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued Dispensations to the respectable number of 267. For the information of Grand Lodges of some foreign jurisdiction on this continent, who issue very few, and cannot understand the occasion of so many issued by our Grand Lodge, I may say, to curtail all sorts of functions held under Masonic auspices, Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, enacted that there could be no Masonic function of a public character without a dispensation from the Grand Master. This was mainly done for the purpose of giving the Grand Master the circumspection and control of all public Masonic doings during his term, in order that no thoughtless or doubtful act would be performed under the guise of Masonry, and to keep all public doings of our lodges under healthful control.

GRAND LODGE OF VALLE DE MEXICO.

I have been asked whether we have or desire to have an exchange of Representatives with the above Grand Jurisdiction. In looking over the Grand Lodge proceedings I find representatives have been and are still exchanged with the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and that we had a representative near the Grand Lodge of the Valley of New Mexico some years ago, but have not now.

I see no formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mexico. Our relationship with Greece ended with the death of M. W. Bro. Spry, in 1896; with St. Domingo, with the death of M. W. Bro. Klotz, in 1901; with Switzerland, by the death of R. W. Bro. Hamilton, in 1893; with Uruguay, in 1878; with New Granada, in 1883; with respect to the Grand Jurisdictions of Central America, Costa Rica and Venezuela, with whom we have had no exchange for about 25 years, I advise that all of them be dropped from our list. With respect to the others named I recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of M. W. Bro. Robertson, Chairman of the Sub.-Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to investigate and report.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VS. KING EDWARD
LODGE, NO. 464, SUNDERLAND.

I dealt with this matter very much in detail, being a question of jurisdiction. At the close of my remarks I said: "It is, of course, desirable that there should be, as far as possible, consistency between rulings, as well as continuity of policy in matters like this, of a Constitutional nature, and though the report of the Commission on the facts cannot be disputed, and though I have also been disposed to concur with their conclusions, it may be well to treat the matter as still open and to continue the correspondence with a view of avoiding misunderstandings with our Sister Jurisdictions, and such is my intention." Since our last communication I have received a letter from the Grand Master of British Columbia.

In my reply I said I had consulted one of my predecessors, who had ruled that any person from our Province who had completed a 12 months residence in another jurisdiction was beyond our control, and I stated that I had come to the conclusion that my predecessor was right, that the doctrine of "intention" was not an element, if the fact was, that the residence of 12 months had been elsewhere, then the material was lost to us, although the party had not resided within the jurisdiction of a subordinate lodge in that jurisdiction a sufficient time to qualify him for initiation in such lodge (according to our law), although Bro. Reid, the candidate, in his statement before the Commission, said he did not go to British Columbia to become a resident, but in the circumstances of the state of our law I thought King Edward Lodge might be relieved from any censure and from any imputation of intentional wrong doing when they accepted Mr. Reid's application. To this letter I have had no reply, and I hope the trouble has now been settled.

THE MASONIC PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

In January last a bill was sent me entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Masonic Protective Association of Canada," introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. (and Bro.) Parmalec, M. P. for Shefford, Quebec, to incorporate six persons of Granby in said county, together with such other persons as became shareholders in the association. I immediately consulted the Deputy Grand

Master and several Past Grand Masters, and with M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, went to Ottawa for the purpose of opposing the passage of the Bill, or to have it amended by the elimination of the word "Masonic." This Bill, if passed, empowered the company to do business throughout the Dominion. Remembering the unfortunate experience the Craft in our jurisdiction had with respect to two Masonic assurance companies, the members of Grand Lodge desired and determined, if possible, to prevent a recurrence of that experience, or to have any company or body of men use the word "Masonic" for business purposes.

The Ontario companies were essentially life assurance companies, as distinguished from the sickness, accident and death benefit plan, being contracts of indemnity. M. W. Bro. Murray and myself met Bro. Parmalee at Ottawa, and subsequently a deputation composed of Messrs. Parmalee and two of the promoters of the Bill (all Masons) came to see me at my home, and we went fully into the methods upon which their company were to do business, and thereafter it was agreed that they would consent to striking the word "Masonic" out of the name of the company, and thereupon further opposition was withdrawn. The Bill became law, the company being called "The Protective Association of Canada."

ROYAL SOLOMON MOTHER LODGE, NO. 293, JERUSALEM,
PALESTINE.

This lodge received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1893, and it being reported to Grand Lodge that irregularities and illegal acts were being committed, a charge was laid, and in 1902, one of the charges being sustained, Grand Lodge empowered the Grand Master to cancel the Warrant. It appears in the books of the late Grand Secretary, that in August, 1902, he wrote to Bro. Tadros, the Master, giving him full report of the action of Grand Lodge, and directing him to return the Warrant, books, papers, seal and other effects of the lodge. It does not appear that the Grand Master for that or any subsequent year cancelled the Warrant. The letter of the late Grand Secretary was not complied with. Complaint was made this year that the lodge was still working and continuing improper actions. Thereupon I wrote the Master of said lodge on the 25th March, 1907,

repeating the direction given by the late Grand Secretary, to return the Warrant, etc., to the Grand Secretary at once. I also cancelled the Warrant of the lodge, and so notified the Master, and directed that all the members of the lodge would thenceforth be unaffiliated Masons. I also issued a circular in the following words and instructed the Grand Secretary to send one to each Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal relationship with our Grand Lodge, which he reports he has done:

To all M. W. Masonic Grand Lodge Jurisdictions,
wheresoever situate throughout the world:

In the year 1902 the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem, Palestine, holding its Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, No. 293, was cited to appear before the said Grand Lodge for certain specified charges and irregularities. The citation was duly received and acknowledged. The said lodge made default in appearance, and charge two being established the Grand Lodge, at its regular communication in July, 1902, empowered the Grand Master of said Grand Lodge to withdraw or cancel the Warrant of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, G. R. C.

By virtue of such power in me vested, I, James H. Burritt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, have cancelled the said Warrant granted to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, and have directed that they forward said Warrant, lodge seal and records to the M. W. the Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge of Canada. I have also directed that the members of said Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, shall henceforth be unaffiliated Masons.

Dated at Pembroke, Ontario, Canada,

This 25th day of March, A. D., 1907.

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Grand Master.

Up to the present time nothing has been heard from the Master nor any officer of the lodge, and it may be necessary, in the interest of Masonry in that land and the honor of Grand Lodge, for my successor to cause proceedings to be taken to recover our property, and if necessary and advisable to proceed against the Master, at least, and so I recommend.

RULINGS.

A ballot upon a candidate for initiation was passed by a lodge under dispensation, and only one black ball was cast. The Master declared the candidate rejected and my ruling was asked by a member of the lodge. A lodge under dispensation, having no by-laws approved by the Grand Master must abide by the Constitution in this matter at all events. Clause 194 governs this case. It says:

1. No person shall be initiated if more than one black ball appears; but a lodge may, by by-law, require the unanimous consent of the members, and therefore the declaration of rejection by the Master was wrong. I put the matter in the hands of the D. D. G. M. of the district for adjustment.

2. I ruled that every candidate must take the necessary obligations prescribed, and that an affirmation was not permissible.

3. Royal Arch Masons cannot legally appear in their regalia at a blue lodge meeting or function.

4. No dispensation can be granted to initiate a candidate under 21 years of age.

5. When can a petitioner withdraw petition? Ans. At any time before it has been received by the lodge.

6. A lodge is opened in the 3 degrees, business transacted, closed in the 3rd and 2nd, is it constitutional to open in the 2nd and 3rd again and confer the 3rd degree? Ans. Yes, for sufficient reasons and by the Master's direction, no by-law being infringed.

7. Is it necessary, after the Committee of General Purposes report upon a candidate, for a motion to be made to receive it? Ans. Yes.

8. Can a lodge by by-law appoint the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden on the Committee of General Purposes and elect 4 Past Masters and 6 Master Masons on said committee? Ans. No. Section 146 says a lodge may by by-law invest the Master with the privilege of appointing the Wardens and Secretary, or provide that all or some of the officers shall be elected; otherwise, by section 147, the Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, Tyler, two Auditors and an Examining Board, shall be elected. The members of the Committee of General Purposes are not officers because of such membership. Section 152 says the Master shall

appoint all officers who are not elective, and all standing committees. The committee mentioned is a standing committee.

9. Can an illegitimate man, born of free parents, be made a Mason? A. Yes.

10. Is a man with a cork leg eligible? Ans. No.

11. Is a man with left hand off at wrist eligible? Ans. No.

12. A Fellowcraft lost one leg and part of other foot, can he be raised? Ans. No.

13. Second finger of right hand gone. No disqualification.

14. A young man, living at home, at college, Toronto over three years, during terms, returning home during recess each year. Held that he has not acquired a Masonic residence at Toronto.

15. A young man, 7 years from home, in different Grand Jurisdictions at intervals; now at home, but not for one year. Held that he must complete his 12 months' residence at home or get the consent of the Grand Master where he completed his last 12 months' residence and a dispensation from the Grand Master here.

16. Has the Master of the lodge authority to ask another lodge to confer a degree or degrees on a member of the first lodge, without a resolution of the lodge? Ans. No, the lodge must make the request in the usual way, by resolution.

17. I was asked my opinion of the general practice of making Past Masters honorary members of their mother lodge. Ans. So far as Grand Lodge is concerned, by Section 218 it inferentially shows that conferring honorary membership should not be lightly dealt with, as it requires a three-quarter vote and with the restriction of a previous notice of motion. If all Past Masters were to be made honorary members the gift would become common and cease to stand out as a special mark, as I think it should.

CANVASSING FOR OFFICE.

For years my predecessors have condemned the system of open canvassing for office which obtains in Grand Lodge.

It may be impossible to prevent the brethren from urging the meritorious claim of any brother for a specified office, nor can I see much harm in this, within bounds

of reasonable solicitation, but personal canvas by any brother, either in Grand Lodge or out of it, for his own advancement, has always been and ought always to be severely censured.

I am sorry to have to report a case which has lately been put into my hands, but it is so flagrant, so contrary to the principles governing our Order, that I am compelled to make special reference to it.

A document sent me by a Past Master of a Western Ontario lodge, which he received through the post, is in type writing, soliciting the brother's vote and influence for the election of the author to an office in Grand Lodge at this communication, with a postscript that if the brother do not attend himself to please interview his proxy. This circular letter is not addressed to the Past Master, from which I infer it is more or less widespread. Surely the office should seek the man, and not the man the office. No. 4 of the Ancient charges says "all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only." Office obtained by personal canvas is one of doubtful honor, and I trust these remarks, so painful for me to utter, but uttered from a strict sense of duty, will result in each brother taking the proper view of his position in the Craft, under the Ancient Charges, and waiting for his brethren to call him to a higher seat in the Councils of the Order.

GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

In pursuance of your resolution last year to purchase a new set of Grand Lodge regalia, I appointed R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Senator Wm. Gibson, M. W. Bro. Malone and M. W. Bro. Allen for the purpose. This regalia adorns the Grand Lodge officers at this communication.

RE STEVENSON LODGE, JONES VS. WATSON, ET AL.

The facts of this case are fully referred to in the report of the sub-committee of Grievances and Appeals last year and adopted by Grand Lodge. By this decision the appeal was dismissed and my decision sustained, whereby certain officers were suspended for one year; the report, however, left the matter in my hands to deal with as fully as if it had not come before Grand Lodge. I had a meeting of all available Past Masters of the lodge called at Toronto on the 11th August last, and had a large number present. I told them my first desire was to preserve the

lodge as a whole, to effect which it would be necessary to have the most influential brethren co-operate. I then asked them if they were all willing to go back and shake hands over the breach and work in harmony in the future. A vote was taken, one more voting "no" than had voted "yes." This necessitated another suggestion, which is embodied in the summons hereinafter mentioned. The regular night for election of officers is in November, and I instructed the D. D. G. M. of the district to issue the following summons and to all members of the lodge: "Under and by virtue of a dispensation issued by me by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I hereby summon you to an emergent meeting of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., at the lodge room, Temple Building, Bay street, Toronto, on Monday, the 12th day of November, A. D., 1906, at 8 o'clock p. m. precisely. Fraternally yours, D. A. Radcliffe. Business: To elect officers, to fill all vacancies created by the suspension of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, to hold office until the next regular election held according to the by-laws of the lodge, or until sooner vacated from said offices by the M. W. the Grand Master, acting under the authority of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, having failed to effect a reconciliation between the opposing parties in the lodge, in order to prevent a wrecking of the lodge, proposes, at this meeting, at which he informs me he will be present, to have the individual members vote either for or against the stand taken by the suspended officers. In the result the M. W. the Grand Master proposes to have the majority retain the present Charter and the minority dimit and petition for a new warrant. The assets to be divided as indicated by said vote, by a brother to be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master. This expression of opinion will form part of the business at said meeting, the importance of which every brother of the lodge will fully appreciate. Failing this anticipated result, the future of Stevenson lodge is in jeopardy. Fraternally yours, D. A. Radcliffe, D. D. G. M. No. 11a. NOTE—It is to be hoped that every member of the lodge will be present at this meeting, as it is likely to be the most important meeting of the lodge since its formation, and it rests with the members themselves, not the Grand Master, if his suggestion will be carried out."

There were present at this meeting R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary;

M. W. Bro. Malone, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M. No. 11a; R. W. Bro. Donald, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, Grand Senior Warden, and V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith and C. A. B. Brown. The meeting was very large. After some discussion to get their bearings, it was moved, seconded and carried by every vote but two, "that this lodge adopt the suggestion of the M. W. the Grand Master to unanimously divide the lodge, and that the majority shall retain the present Charter, and the majority demit and petition for a new warrant. In the result of a division taking place the assets of the lodge shall be divided *pro rata*. If the lodges, after their division, cannot decide upon a proper distribution of the assets, then the Grand Master shall appoint one or more independent brethren to do so." The election of officers was then proceeded with (the minority refraining from voting), M. W. Bros. Malone and Murray and R. W. Bro. Harcourt acting as scrutineers.

Immediately after the election I invested the Secretary and instructed him to forward all minute, cash, bank and other books to the Grand Secretary, to be audited by R. W. Bro. Gunn, Auditor of Grand Lodge. A petition by the minority was signed that evening and I granted them a dispensation which was issued later on. Some delay was occasioned in getting the books in the hands of the auditor; he later issued his audit and report, copies of which were sent to the two bodies, who, thereupon, on the 1st March, 1907, entered into an agreement touching the details, signed by the Masters. The last clause in the agreement will give you an idea of how matters stood between them at this time. "Stevenson lodge agrees to make application to the Grand Lodge, if necessary, and to support any application to Grand Lodge at its next session in July, 1907, for a Charter or Warrant to Corinthian Lodge."

Corinthian Lodge started on its career with about 50 members, and has been taking in a respectable number of candidates since. Since I started to write this address I have been advised by the Grand Secretary that Corinthian Lodge, still under dispensation of course, has sent in to him the sum of \$174.00, being their full quota for \$3.00 each from 58 members of the lodge, to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

Upon being advised that all details had been settled, I,

on the 22nd March last removed the suspension from all the suspended brethren, and on the 7th April I received the following telegram from the Master of Stevenson Lodge, "Hearty invitation tendered you by Stevenson for Monday night next." Stevenson lodge has since been taking in a number of candidates.

Corinthian was inaugurated on the 10th January, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and many other prominent Masons being present. So ends this matter and so happily. May both lodges prosper.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

At the end of my first year this fund stood at the sum of \$30,389.29, and it now is \$38,358.25, leaving \$61,641.75 still to be contributed.

This meeting closes the last of the three years within which time Grand Lodge at Brockville in 1904, without a dissentient voice, promised to raise the \$100,000.00.

I have used all the persuasion, argument and what little eloquence I possess to have the brethren see their duty in this most meritorious undertaking, the relief of distress; I have exhausted every effort except that of closing my office, leaving my home and making a collecting tour throughout the jurisdiction.

Many lodges have done well, but you will be surprised when I tell you there are very many lodges, many of them financially strong, whose members have not, nor has the lodge, contributed one cent in the five years the scheme has been before us. In one district the majority of the lodges, when I last looked over the returns, had not contributed anything. Yet we must not despair, the money must be raised and will be, and I hand this determination to my successor, who, with his ready pen, persuasive methods and earnest conviction of the usefulness of and need of the fund, will do much to reach those I could not, and I will be glad to still do what I can to help him. Now brethren, there is only one other matter usually touched upon in the address of the Grand Master, that is, a list of his visits, but as this address is already long, and necessarily so, as it contains little else than business, I will not take up more of your time. I have been feted in many ways, fed in all sorts of good ways and at all hours, good and bad, by individual lodges and lodges in group, to such an extent that if possible for me to believe it was

all for me I would be selfish. These hospitalities were extended to me as your Grand Master.

No man who fills a Grand Master's chair can ever forget it, nor lose his interest in the Craft. My two years have been very happy, though fairly busy ones, and I leave the office with mingled feelings of gladness and regret. During those two years I have seen the higher ideals of Masonry growing in the lodge and in the Mason. May the Most High prosper us in the true work of our noble craft, sustain my successors in this high office in their efforts to make our Order grow in the right direction, making our light as a Grand Body so shine before men as will compel them to say that a good Mason is essentially a good man. Life in the individual, as in the community, large or small, is a history; we are all making history which cannot be recalled; let us then so co-operate in making that history, both in and out of the lodge, that each one of us may say, when the last summons reaches him, that he has done something for the good of others.

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The W. M. the Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, J. E. Harding and E. T. Malone.

M. W. Bro. W. R. White presented the following report on the question of assistance in the Grand Secretary's office.

REPORT.

The Special Committee appointed to deal with the question of assistance in the Grand Secretary's office begs leave to report as follows :

1. That, owing to advancing age and long and faithful services, the assistant of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Muir, be relieved from further service, and that Grand Lodge be requested to continue the present salary of \$800 per annum to Bro. Muir during life in recognition of his services faithfully and honorably performed during a period of 38 years.

2. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to retain the services of Bro. Thomas Pedler at a salary of \$800 per annum,

if Bro. Pedler's services are satisfactory to the Grand Secretary.

3. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to secure an additional assistant at a salary of \$600 per annum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

On motion of M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, the report was received and adopted.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg leave to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1907. Also a summary of the expenditure for the year with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1907, and returns of subordinate lodges as at the 24th June, 1907, with, by instruction of the M. W. Grand Master, a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates	\$1,461 50
Dues	18,429 15
Fees	9,727 00
Dispensations	430 00
Warrants	50 00
Constitutions, etc.	1,009 73
Commutation of dues	1,085 00
Miscellaneous	631 65

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account as follows:

Brockville debentures, \$3,000 at 4 per cent	\$120 00
Woodstock debentures, \$7,000 at 6 per cent.	420 00
Central Canada Loan and Savings Co., \$15,000 at 4 per cent.	600 00
Canada Permanent and Western Canada, \$10,000 at 4 per cent.	400 00
Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co., \$10,000 at 4 per cent., for 6 months	200 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co., \$5,000 at 4 per cent.	200 00

Landed Banking and Loan Co., \$10,000 at 4per cent. for 6 months	200 00	
Landed Banking and Loan Co., \$10,000 at 4½ per cent. for 6 months	218 75	
Canada Savings and Loan Co., \$5,000 at 4½ per cent.	206 24	
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., \$5,000 at 4½ per cent.	206 25	
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., \$15,000 at 4½ per cent.	618 75	
Brantford debentures, \$8,000 at 4 per cent	320 00	
St. Thomas " \$1,538.12 at 4 per cent	61 52	
St. Thomas " \$1,599.64 at 4 per cent	63 99	
St. Thomas " \$1,633.63 at 4 per cent	66 55	
St. Thomas " \$1,730.17 at 4 per cent	69 21	
St. Thomas " \$1,799.38 at 4 per cent	71 98	
St. Thomas " \$1,871.35 at 4 per cent	74 85	
St. Thomas " \$1,946 35 at 4 per cent	77 85	
Toronto " \$2,433.33 at 4 per cent	170 32	
Interest on deposit in bank.	169 50	4,535 76
Total.		\$37,359 79

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1906.			
June 13	Deposit	\$162 80	
" 18	"	224 00	
" 26	"	845 15	
" 28	"	1,137 10	
" 29	"	2,434 86	
" 30	"	1,485 10	
			\$6,289 01
July 3	"	907 70	
" 5	"	2,115 61	
" 7	"	2,241 15	
" 9	"	471 50	
" 10	"	793 25	
" 13	"	1,283 00	
" 13	"	564 50	
" 24	"	1,856 00	
" 30	"	298 00	
" 31	"	59 50	
			10,590 21
Aug. 6	"	122 75	
" 24	"	410 75	
" 31	"	118 75	
			652 25
Sept. 27	"	812 25	
" 29	"	94 25	
			906 50
Oct. 1	"	291 50	
" 2	"	360 00	
" 22	"	288 25	
" 31	"	120 75	
			1,060 50

Nov.	1	Deposit	.. . . . .	821 62	
"	16	"	.. . . . .	195 75	
"	29	"	.. . . . .	96 50	
					1,113 87
Dec.	9	"	.. . . . .	182 25	
"	28	"	.. . . . .	517 75	
"	31	"	.. . . . .	1,854 41	
					2,554 41
1907.					
Jan.	2	"	.. . . . .	733 00	
"	3	"	.. . . . .	348 50	
"	4	"	.. . . . .	430 75	
"	7	"	.. . . . .	372 00	
"	10	"	.. . . . .	1,184 00	
"	11	"	.. . . . .	662 00	
"	15	"	.. . . . .	594 62	
"	16	"	.. . . . .	368 00	
"	17	"	.. . . . .	235 50	
"	18	"	.. . . . .	231 75	
"	21	"	.. . . . .	324 75	
"	22	"	.. . . . .	552 35	
"	25	"	.. . . . .	765 75	
"	29	"	.. . . . .	740 00	
					7,542 97
Feb.	1	"	.. . . . .	571 25	
"	4	"	.. . . . .	353 75	
"	11	"	.. . . . .	638 00	
"	16	"	.. . . . .	285 00	
"	28	"	.. . . . .	515 50	
					2,363 50
March	4	"	.. . . . .	181 00	
"	6	"	.. . . . .	349 25	
"	14	"	.. . . . .	397 50	
"	20	"	.. . . . .	875 00	
					1,802 75
April	2	"	.. . . . .	215 75	
"	4	"	.. . . . .	164 75	
"	16	"	.. . . . .	148 25	
"	16	"	.. . . . .	157 60	
"	27	"	.. . . . .	247 10	
					933 45
May	1	"	.. . . . .	668 12	
"	9	"	.. . . . .	334 50	
"	27	"	.. . . . .	457 25	
"	29	"	.. . . . .	17 50	
"	31	"	.. . . . .	73 00	
					1,550 37
					<u>\$37,359 79</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

For the year ending May 31, 1907.

Salary of Grand Secretary, one year, to March 31, 1907	\$2,000 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer, one year, March 31st, 1907	200 00
Salary of Auditor, one year to March 31, 1907 ..	300 00
Salary of office staff, one year, to May 31st, 1907	1920 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's office. ..	1,000 00
Printing and Stationery	2,802 17
Copp, Clark Co., Certificates and Warrants .. .	2,186 30
Bell Telephone Co... .. .	57 00
Insurance... .. .	64 52
Toronto General Trust Co., safety deposit box..	25 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent... ..	460 00
Binding Books.	48 80
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Toronto... .. .	1,071 20
Expenses of Committees and Delegates	74 70
Rolph, Clark & Co., Semi-Centennial Medals... ..	39 25
M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, Report on Foreign Correspondence	150 00
Chairman Benevolent Committee, postage, etc... ..	15 00
J. B. Nixon, Investigating Benevolent Grants ..	700 00
On account travelling expenses M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt... .. .	647 96
Expenses for funeral wreaths, etc... .. .	32 00
Masonic History... .. .	33 00
Masonic Relief Association, membership in... ..	174 82
W. G. Eakins, Compiling Constitution	200 00
Total general charges	\$14,201 72
Grants for Benevolence	19,150 00
Grant to Jamaica Relief Fund	1,000 00
	\$34,351 72

LIST OF BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE
M. W. GRAND MASTER.

1906	July	7..	Century Lodge ..	No. 457, Merlin.
"	July	14..	Dundalk Lodge..	" 449, Dundalk.
"	Aug.	25..	Tottenham Lodge ..	" 467, Tottenham.
"	Oct.	8..	Galt Lodge ..	" 257, Galt.
"	Nov.	17..	Ionic Lodge..	" 461, Rainy River.
"	Dec.	4..	The Beaches Lodge.	" 473, Balmy Beach.
1907	Jan.	9..	Corinthian Lodge ..	" 101, Peterborough.
"	Jan.	9..	The Builders Lodge.	" 177, Ottawa.
"	Jan.	9..	Washington Lodge..	" 260, Petrolia.
"	Jan.	19..	Victoria Lodge ..	" 474, Toronto Junc.
"	Feb.	21..	Lebanon Lodge ..	" 133, Exeter.

1907	Mar. 29.	Unity Lodge. . . .	No. 376, Huntsville.
"	April 15.	Cobden Lodge. . . .	" 459, Cobden.
"	April 26.	Zurich Lodge	" 224, Hensall.
"	April 29.	Zeredatha Lodge . . .	" 220, Uxbridge.
"	April 29.	St. David's Lodge. . .	" 302, St. Thomas.
"	May 14.	Gore Bay Lodge	" 472, Gore Bay.
"	May 16.	Corinthian Lodge. . .	" 476, North Gower.
"	June 16.	Orient Lodge	" 339, Toronto.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED.

1906	July 11.	St. George's Lodge. . .	No. 367, Toronto.
"	July 12.	North Star Lodge . . .	" 322, Owen Sound.
"	July 20.	Oriental Lodge	" 181, Port Burwell.
"	Sept. 5.	The Occident Lodge. . .	" 346, Toronto.
"	Sept. 8.	Marmora Lodge. . . .	" 222, Marmora.
"	Oct. 15.	Fidelity Lodge	" 428, Port Perry.
"	Oct. 23.	St. John's Lodge. . . .	" 75, Toronto.
"	Oct. 26.	St. John's Lodge. . . .	" 20, London.
"	Nov. 1.	Bismarck Lodge. . . .	" 419, Point Edward.
"	Nov. 7.	Westport Lodge. . . .	" 441, Westport.
"	Nov. 10.	Waterdown Lodge. . .	" 357, Millgrove.
"	Nov. 22.	Bernard Lodge	" 225, Listowel.
"	Nov. 27.	Lorne Lodge.	" 282, Glencoe.
"	Dec. 18.	Mountain Lodge. . . .	" 221, Thorold.
"	Dec. 31.	True Britons Lodge. . .	" 14, Perth.
1907	Jan. 9.	Humber Lodge.	" 305, Weston.
"	Jan. 19.	St. John's Lodge. . . .	" 209a London.
"	Jan. 19.	Civil Service Lodge. . .	" 148, Ottawa.
"	Feb. 8.	Verulam Lodge.	" 268, Bobcaygeon.
"	Feb. 8.	Thistle Lodge	" 34, Amherstburg.
"	Feb. 21.	Fort William Lodge. . .	" 415, Fort William.
"	Mar. 1.	Zetland Lodge	" 326, Toronto.
"	Mar. 25.	Union Lodge.	" 9, Napanee.
"	Mar. 29.	St. David's Lodge . . .	" 302, St. Thomas.
"	April 8.	New Dominion Ldg. . . .	" 205, New Hamburg.
"	April 9.	Wellington Lodge . . .	" 46, Chatham.
"	April 13.	Springfield Lodge . . .	" 259, Springfield.
"	April 13.	Nickel Lodge.	" 427, Sudbury.
"	April 18.	Doric Lodge.	No. 233, Parkhill.
"	April 18.	Ontario Lodge	" 26, Port Hope.
"	April 23.	Alexandra Lodge	" 158, Oil Springs.
"	April 29.	Strict Observance . . .	" 27, Hamilton.
"	May 3.	Harmony Lodge.	" 57, Binbrook.
"	May 3.	St. Mark's Lodge. . . .	" 105, Niagara Falls S.
"	May 14.	North Star Lodge	" 322, Owen Sound.
"	May 29.	Pythagoras Lodge . . .	" 137, Meaford.
"	May 29.	St. George's Lodge. . .	" 367, Toronto.
"	June 4.	Dalhousie Lodge. . . .	" 52, Ottawa.
"	June 5.	Florence Lodge.	" 390, Florence.
"	June 7.	Zeta Lodge	" 410, Toronto.
"	June 10.	Tecumseh Lodge.	" 245, Thamesville.
"	June 25.	Kilwinning Lodge . . .	" 64, London.
"	July 2.	The Builders Lodge. . .	" 177, Ottawa.
"	July 2.	St. George's Lodge. . .	" 88, Owen Sound.

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

DATE		No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
July	3, 1906	402	Central	Essex Centre.	To install.
"	3, "	65	Rehoboam	Toronto	To hold a picnic.
"	3, "	249	Caledonian	Midland	To hold special meeting.
"	4, "	155	Peterborough.	Peterborough.	To initiate.
"	6, "	341	Bruce.. . . .	Tiverton.. . . .	Divine service.
"	10, "	120	Warren	Fingal.	Divine service.
"	12, "	409	Golden Rule.	Gravenhurst.. . . .	Divine service.
"	14, "	234	Beaver.	Clarksburg.	Divine service.
"	14, "	383	Henderson	Winchester.	Divine service.
"	19, "	304	Minerva...	Stroud.	To initiate.
"	19, "	115	Ivy.	Beausville	Divine service.
"	23, "	476	Corinthian	North Gower.	Divine service.
Aug.	3, "	81	St. John's.	Mt. Brydges.. . . .	To initiate.
"	13, "	468	Peel	Caledon East	Divine service.
"	21, "	242	Macoy.	Mallorytown.. . . .	To hold excursion.
"	21, "	388	Henderson	Ilderton	To initiate.
"	23, "	196	Madawaska.. . . .	Arnprior.	Divine service.
"	30, "	272	Seymour.. . . .	Ancaster.	Divine service.
Sept.	4, "	456	Elma.. . . .	Monkton.. . . .	Divine service.
"	5, "	57	Harmony...	Binbrook.. . . .	To hold a concert.
"	5, "	97	Sharon	Queensville.. . . .	Divine service.
"	11, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg.	Memorial service.
"	13, "	45	Brant...	Brantford.	To raise within time.
"	19, "	295	Conestogo	Drayton	Divine service.

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DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Sept. 19, 1906	357	Waterdown..	Millgrove..	Divine service.
" 21, "	164	Star in the East..	Wellington..	Divine service.
" 25, "	291	Dufferin..	W. Flamboro..	Divine service.
" 27, "	121	Doric..	Brantford..	To pass & raise within time.
" 27, "	376	Unity..	Huntsville..	To elect.
Oct. 3, "	292	Robertson..	King..	Divine service.
" 4, "	387	Lansdowne..	Lansdowne..	Divine service.
" 9, "	237	Vienna..	Vienna..	Divine service.
" 11, "	410	Zeta..	Toronto..	At Home.
" 12, "	136	Richardson..	Stouffville..	Divine service.
" 15, "	430	Acacia..	East Toronto..	To initiate.
" 25, "	462	Temiscaming..	New Liskeard..	Divine service.
" 25, "	266	Northern Light..	Stayner..	To initiate.
" 31, "	223	Norwood..	Norwood..	To elect.
Nov. 1, "	367	St. George..	Toronto..	At Home.
" 2, "	220	Zeredatha..	Uxbridge..	To elect.
" 6, "	379	Middlesex..	Bryanston..	To elect.
" 6, "	34	Thistle..	Amherstburg..	To elect.
" 6, "	300	Mt. Olivet..	Thorndale..	To elect.
" 6, "	38	Trent..	Trenton..	To elect.
" 13, "	105	St. Mark's..	Niagara Falls..	To elect.
" 13, "	334	Prince Arthur..	Arthur..	To elect.
" 14, "	458	Wales..	Wales..	To elect.
" 14, "	97	Sharon..	Queensville..	To elect.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Nov. 14, 1906	172	Ayr.	Ayr.	To elect.
" 19, "	88	St. George's.	Owen Sound.	At Home.
" 19, "	282	Lorne.	Glencoe	To initiate.
" 19, "	304	Minerva	Stroud.	To initiate.
" 19, "	140	Malahide.	Aylmer.	To elect.
" 20, "	15	Enniskillen	York	To elect.
" 28, "	412	Keystone.	Sault Ste. Marie	At Home.
" 28, "	195	Tuscan	London	At Home.
" 28, "	320	Chesterville.	Chesterville.	To elect.
" 29, "	55	Merrickville.	Merrickville.	To elect.
" 29, "	119	Maple Leaf.	Bath	To elect.
" 29, "	222	Mormora.	Marmora.	To elect.
" 29, "	266	Northern Light.	Stayner	To elect.
Dec. 3, "	11	Moir.	Belleville.	To elect.
" 3, "	186	Plantagenet.	Plantagenet.	To elect.
" 3, "	31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville.	To elect.
" 3, "	406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	To elect.
" 3, "	264	Chaudiere.	Ottawa.	To elect.
" 3, "	159	Goodwood.	Richmond.	To elect.
" 3, "	406	Coronation	Elmvale	To elect.
" 3, "	247	Ashlar.	Toronto	Divine service.
" 4, "	10	Norfolk	Simcoe	To install.
" 4, "	217	Frederick.	Delhi	To elect.
" 4, "	438	Harmony.	Toronto	To install.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Dec. 4, 1906	369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	To install.
" 4, "	449	Dundalk	Dundalk	To elect.
" 4, "	386	McColl.	West Lorne	To install.
" 4, "	149	Erie.	Port Dover	To elect.
" 4, "	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	At Home.
" 4, "	21a	St. John's.	Vankleek Hill	To elect.
" 5, "	452	Avonmore.	Avonmore	To elect.
" 7, "	249	Caledonian	Midland	To elect.
" 7, "	361	Waverley.	Guelph	To install.
" 7, "	463	North Entrance.	Haliburton	To elect.
" 7, "	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg.	To elect.
" 7, "	477	Harding.	Woodville.	To install.
" 8, "	50	Consecon.	Consecon.	To initiate.
" 8, "	168	Merritt	Welland	To elect.
" 8, "	164	Star in the East.	Wellington	To elect.
" 8, "	396	Cedar.	Warton	To elect.
" 11, "	234	Beaver.	Clarksburg.	To elect.
" 11, "	446	Granite	Fort Frances.	To elect.
" 11, "	446	Granite	Fort Frances.	To install.
" 13, "	52	Dalhousie.	Ottawa	To elect.
" 13, "	216	Harris.	Orangeville.	To elect.
" 13, "	470	Victoria.	Victoria Harbor.	To elect.
" 14, "	101	Corinthian	Peterborough	To change hour.
" 14, "	81	St. John's.	Mt. Brydges.	To hold special.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Dec. 14, 1906	339	Orient	Toronto	To hold special.
" 14, "	126	Golden Rule.. . . .	Campbellford	To elect.
" 14, "	337	Myrtle.	Port Robinson	To elect.
" 14, "	400	Oakville.. . . .	Oakville	To elect.
" 17, "	193	Scotland.. . . .	Scotland	To initiate.
" 17, "	22	King Solomon's.	Toronto	At Home.
" 18, "	418	Maxville.. . . .	Maxville	To elect and install.
" 18, "	387	Shuniah.. . . .	Port Arthur	To hold special.
" 18, "	155	Peterborough.	Peterborough	To change hour.
" 20, "	46	Wellington.. . . .	Chatham.. . . .	To install.
" 20, "	46	Wellington.. . . .	Chatham.. . . .	Divine service.
" 20, "	412	Keystone.	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold special.
" 21, "	425	St. Clair	Sombra	To elect.
" 21, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	To initiate.
" 24, "	149	Erie	Port Dover	To install.
" 26, "	142	Excelsior.	Morrisburg	To hold banquet.
" 26, "	341	Bruce.. . . .	Tiverton.. . . .	To elect.
" 28, "	433	Bonnechere.. . . .	Eganville.	To install.
" 28, "	323	Alvinston.	Alvinston.	To install.
" 29, "	324	Temple	Hamilton.	Divine service.
" 31, "	463	Coronation	Elmvale	To install.
" 31, "	78	King Hiram.. . . .	Tilsenburgh	To initiate.
Jan. 2, 1907	459	Cobden	Cobden	To install.
" 3, "	44	St. Thomas.. . . .	St. Thomas.. . . .	Divine service.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Jan. 5, 1907	374	Keene..	Keene.	To install.
" 9, "	362	Maple Leaf..	Tara ..	To install.
" 9, "	65	Rehoboth ..	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 9, "	346	The Occident ..	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 9, "	457	Century ..	Merlin ..	To elect and install.
" 11, "	162	Forest ..	Wroxeter ..	To initiate.
" 11, "	466	Coronation ..	Elmvale ..	At Home.
" 11, "	358	Vittoria ..	Vittoria ..	To elect.
" 12, "	383	Henderson ..	Winchester ..	At Home.
" 15, "	347	Mercer ..	Fergus ..	To initiate.
" 15, "	394	King Solomon's ..	Thamesford ..	At Home.
" 15, "	256	Farran's Point..	Aultsville ..	To elect.
" 19, "	468	Peel ..	Caledon East ..	To initiate.
" 19, "	162	Forest ..	Wroxeter ..	To initiate.
" 19, "	219	Credit..	Georgetown..	To install.
" 19, "	20	St. John's ..	London ..	At Home.
" 22, "	448	Xenophon ..	Wheatley ..	To install.
" 22, "	397	Leopold ..	Brigden ..	To initiate.
" 22, "	438	Harmony ..	Toronto ..	To initiate.
" 28, "	129	Rising Sun ..	Aurora ..	To initiate.
" 28, "	412	Keystone..	Sault Ste. Marie.	At Home.
" 28, "	2	Niagara ..	Niagara ..	At Home.
" 28, "	305	Humber ..	Weston ..	At Home.
" 29, "	212	Elysian ..	Garden Island..	To install.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Feb. 1, 1907	165	Burlington ..	Burlington ..	At Home.
" 1, "	368	Salem. . .	Brockville ..	At Home.
" 4, "	90	Manito. . .	Collingwood ..	At Home.
" 7, "	473	The Beaches. . .	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 7, "	105	St. Mark's ..	Niagara Falls ..	At Home.
" 18, "	9	Union. . .	Napanee. . .	To initiate.
" 18, "	468	Peel ..	Caledon East. . .	To initiate.
" 20, "	5	Sussex. . .	Brockville. . .	To raise within time.
" 21, "	230	Kerr ..	Barrie. . .	To initiate.
" 22, "	464	King Edward. . .	Sunderland ..	At Home.
" 23, "	9	Union. . .	Napanee ..	To initiate.
Mch. 1, "	185	Enniskillen ..	York. . .	At Home.
" 14, "	245	Tecumseh ..	Thamesville. . .	At Home.
" 14, "	197	Saugeen ..	Walkerton ..	To initiate.
" 19, "	20	St. John's. . .	London ..	At Home.
" 19, "	387	Lansdowne ..	Lansdowne ..	At Home.
" 20, "	316	Doric. . .	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 22, "	435	Havelock. . .	Havelock. . .	At Home.
" 22, "	367	St. George ..	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 22, "	470	Victoria ..	Victoria Harbor. . .	Divine service.
April 2, "	22	King Solomon's. . .	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 4, "	16	St. Andrew's. . .	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 4, "	30	Composite ..	Whitby ..	At Home.
" 8, "	6	Barton. . .	Hamilton. . .	At Home.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
April 10, 1907	329	King Solomon's.	Jarvis.	To initiate.
" 11, "	473	The Beaches.	Toronto	At Home.
" 13, "	76	Oxford.	Woodstock	Divine service.
" 16, "	92	Cataraqui.	Kingston.	To pass & raise within time.
" 18, "	290	Leamington.	Leamington.	To initiate.
" 19, "	450	Hawkesbury.	Hawkesbury.	To initiate.
" 22, "	462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	To raise within time.
" 24, "	471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa.	Divine service.
May 1, "	428	Fidelity	Port Perry	To initiate.
" 1, "	410	Zeta	Toronto	To hold special meeting.
" 3, "	319	Hiram.	Hagersville.	Divine service.
" 15, "	382	Doric	Hamilton.	To hold excursion.
" 17, "	32	Amity.	Dunnville.	Divine service.
" 20, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound.	To hold excursion.
" 20, "	472	Gore Bay.	Gore Bay.	Divine service.
" 21, "	455	Doric.	Little Current	At Home.
" 23, "	447	Sturgeon Falls.	Sturgeon Falls.	Divine service.
" 25, "	56	Victoria	Sarnia.	Divine service.
" 29, "	157	Simpson.	Newboro.	To elect.
" 31, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine service.
" 31, "	223	Norwood.	Norwood.	Divine service.
" 31, "	194	Petrolia	Petrolia	Divine service.
" 31, "	297	Preston	Preston	To elect.
June 1, "	103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Divine service.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 3, 1907	465	Carleton..	Carp ..	Divine service
" 4, "	127	Franck ..	Frankford ..	Divine service.
" 4, "	400	Oakville..	Oakville ..	Divine service.
" 4, "	356	River Park	Streetsville..	Divine service.
" 6, "	120	Warren ..	Fingal.	To initiate.
" 6, "	352	Granite ..	Parry Sound..	Divine service.
" 7, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Divine service.
" 7, "	404	Lorne..	Tamworth ..	Divine service.
" 7, "	133	Lebanon Forest.	Exeter.	Divine service.
" 8, "	3	Ancient St. John's..	Kingston..	To initiate.
" 11, "	65	Rehoboam ..	Toronto ..	To hold a picnic.
" 11, "	30	Composite ..	Whitby ..	Divine service.
" 11, "	108	Blenheim...	Princeton..	To install.
" 11, "	476	Corinthian ..	North Gower.	Divine service.
" 11, "	190	Belmont..	Belmont ..	Divine service.
" 12, "	343	Georgina..	Toronto ..	To install.
" 12, "	165	Burlington ..	Burlington ..	Divine service.
" 12, "	131	St. Lawrence ..	Southampton	To initiate.
" 13, "	324	Temple ..	Hamilton..	To initiate.
" 13, "	129	Rising Sun ..	Aurora ..	Divine service.
" 13, "	196	Madawaska ..	Arnprior..	Divine service.
" 14, "	201	Leeds..	Gananoque ..	Divine service.
" 14, "	11	Moir..	Belleville. ..	Divine service.
" 15,	300	Mt. Olivet.	Thorndale ..	Divine service.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 15, 1907	254	Clifton.	Niagara Falls	Divine service.
" 15, "	77	Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	Divine service.
" 15, "	6	Barton.	Hamilton.	Divine service.
" 15, "	115	Ivy.	Beamsville	Divine service.
" 13, "	312	Pnyx.	Wallaceburg.	Divine service.
" 17, "	5	Sussex.	Brockville	Divine service.
" 17, "	137	Pythagoras	Meaford	Divine service.
" 17, "	141	Tudor.	Mitchell	To initiate.
" 17, "	75	St. John's.	Toronto	To install.
" 17, "	287	Shuniah	Port Arthur.	Divine service.
" 17, "	467	Tottenham	Tottenham	Divine service.
" 18, "	122	Renfrew	Renfrew.	Divine service.
" 18, "	235	Sydenham	Dresden	Divine service.
" 18, "	37	King Hiram.	Ingersoll.	Divine service.
" 18, "	33	Maitland.	Goderich.	Divine service.
" 18, "	55	Merrickville.	Merrickville.	Divine service.
" 18, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound.	Divine service.
" 18, "	154	Irving.	Lucan.	Divine service.
" 20, "	120	Warren	Fingal.	Divine service.
" 20, "	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Divine service.
" 20, "	184	Old Light.	Lucknow.	Divine service.
" 20, "	18	Prince Edward.	Pictou.	Divine service.
" 20, "	83	Beaver	Strathroy.	Divine service.
" 20, "	441	Westport.	Westport.	Divine service.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 20, 1907	458	Wales...	Wales..	Divine service.
" 20, "	241	Mountain..	Thorold ..	Divine service.
" 20, "	258	Guelph ..	Guelph ..	To install.
" 20, "	474	Victoria ..	Toronto Junction ..	To install.
" 20, "	394	King Solomon's..	Thamesford..	Divine service.
" 20, "	41	St. George's..	Kingsville ..	Divine service.
" 20, "	209 ^a	St. John's..	London ..	Divine service.
" 21, "	385	Spry ..	Beeton ..	Divine service.
" 21, "	379	Middlesex ..	Bryanston ..	Divine service.
" 21, "	454	Corona...	Burk's Falls..	Divine service.
" 21, "	295	Conestogo ..	Drayton ..	Divine service.
" 21, "	90	Manito ..	Collingwood. .	Divine service.
" 21, "	180	Speed...	Guelph ..	To initiate.
" 21, "	126	Golden Rule..	Campbellford ..	Divine service.
" 24, "	114	Hope...	Port Hope ..	Divine service.
" 24, "	165	Burlington ..	Burlington ..	To initiate.
" 25, "	274	Kent ..	Blenheim..	Divine service.
" 26, "	473	The Beaches. .	Balmy Beach ..	Divine service.
" 26, "	282	Lorne...	Glencoe ..	To install.
" 26, "	420	Nipissing. .	North Bay ..	Divine service.
" 26, "	406	Spry ..	Fenelon Falls ..	Divine service.
" 26, "	236	Manitoba. .	Cookstown ..	Divine service.
" 28, "	224	Zurich...	Hensall ..	To install.
" 28, "	376	Unity...	Huntsville ..	Divine service.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
" 29,	373	Copetone	Welland	Divine service.
" 29,	421	Scott	Grand valley	Divine service.
" 29,	414	Pequonga.	Kenora	Divine service.
" 30,	395	Parvaim.. . . .	Comber	Divine service.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE SEMI-CEN- TENNIAL FUND, 1906-1907.

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
24	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls	\$73 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	24 00
7	Union.	Grimsby	25 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	7 00
404	Corona.	Burk's Falls.	25 00
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	16 50
237	Vienna	Vienna	1 00
334	Prince Arthur.	Arthur	6 00
295	Conestogo.	Drayton.	25 00
46	Wellington.	Chatham.	66 00
133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	179 00
146	Prince of Wales.	Newburgh	13 00
315	Clifford.	Clifford	17 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	67 00
369	Mimico.	Lambton Mills.	42 00
315	Clifford.	Clifford	2 00
218	Stevenson	Toronto.	20 00
114	Hope.	Port Hope	15 00
77	Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	9 00
330	Corinthian.	London	5 00
46	Wellington.	Chatham.	10 00
267	Parthenon.	Chatham.	48 67
219	Credit	Georgetown.	10 00
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	56 00
45	Brant.	Brantford	75 00
91	Colborne	Colborne.	10 00
297	Preston.	Preston.	3 00
	Interest, Ottawa debentures to 21st September.		250 00
468	Peel	Caledon East	14 00
455	Doric.	Little Current	12 00
	Ottawa debentures, 32 days' interest.		20 79
271	Wellington.	Erin	18 50
65	Rehoboam.	Toronto.	21 00
127	Franck.	Frankford	6 00
	Bank interest.		84 20
247	Ashlar	Toronto	50 00
2	Niagara.	Niagara.	20 00
462	Temiscaming.	New Liskeard.	5 00
114	Hope.	Port Hope	5 00
97	Sharon.	Queensville.	2 00
165	Burlington.	Burlington	9 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	50 00
468	Peel.	Caledon East	6 00
	Interest on St. Catharines debentures.		106 40
39	Mt. Zion.	Brooklin.	5 00
296	Temple.	St. Catharines.	50 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
421	Scott.	Grand Valley	55 00
	Interest, Peterborough debentures.		30 00
	Interest, Toronto debentures.		87 50
	Interest, Woodstock debentures.		180 00
64	Kilwinning.	London	7 00
426	Stanley.	Toronto Junction	11 00
329	King Solomon's	Jarvis.	9 00
276	Teeswater.	Teeswater	8 00
384	Alpha	Toronto.	22 00
449	Dundalk.	Dundalk.	1 00
435	Havelock	Havelock.	85 00
197	Saugeen.	Walkerton	20 00
468	Peel.	Caledon East	2 00
97	Sharon	Queensville.	11 00
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	23 00
158	Alexandra.	Oil Springs	6 00
304	Minerva.	Stroud	2 00
119	Maple Leaf.	Bath.	3 00
292	Robertson.	King.	12 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton.	56 00
30	Composite.	Whitby.	23 00
470	Victoria.	Victoria Harbor	33 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan.	3 00
272	Seymour.	Ancaster.	5 00
110	Central.	Prescott.	13 00
428	Fidelity.	Port Perry	48 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg.	12 00
110	Central.	Prescott.	50 00
166	Wentworth.	Stoney Creek	16 00
312	Pnyx.	Wallaceburg	21 00
330	Corinthian	London	2 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury.	27 00
362	Maple Leaf.	Tara.	16 00
289	Doric.	Lobo.	6 00
304	Minerva.	Stroud	2 00
97	Sharon	Queensville	7 00
26	Ontario.	Port Hope	37 65
	Interest on Ottawa debentures.		250 00
469	Algoma.	Sault Ste. Marie.	52 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury.	5 00
348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	40 00
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard.	67 00
392	Huron	Camlachie.	16 00
299	Victoria.	Centreville.	15 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston.	21 00
389	Crystal Fountain.	N. Augusta.	19 00
20	St. John's	London	105 00
42	St. George's.	London	30 50
195	Tuscan.	London.	23 00
378	King Solomon's	London	6 00
380	Union.	London	14 00
394	King Solomon's	Thamesford.	9 00
	London District No. 3, bank interest		4 75
88	St. George's.	Owen Sound	351 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
408	Murray..	Beaverton	13 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	645 05
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	50 00
228	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Odessa	43 00
	Interest on St. Catharines debentures.. . . .		106 40
324	Temple	Hamilton.	5 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	6 00
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	76 00
380	Union	London	23 00
	H. M. H. A., dividend on stock.. . . .		4 00
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	4 00
304	Minerva.	Stroud	3 00
	Bank interest..		15 55
			\$34,948 75

Amounts received since May 31st, 1907 :

61	Acacia	Hamilton.	6 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	3 00
87	Markham Union	Markham.	7 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston.	1 00
303	Blyth.	Blyth.	50 00
322	North Star..	Owen Sound.	121 00
6	Barton	Hamilton.	433 20
194	Petrolia..	Petrolia	3 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	58 00
231	Fidelity..	Ottawa	150 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll.. . . .	100 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	1 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	10 00
382	Doric.	Hamilton.	330 50
258	Guelph	Guelph	125 00
368	Salem	Brockville	16 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	5 00
	Interest, Peterborough debentures.. . . .		15 00
	Interest, Peterborough debentures.. . . .		15 00
	Interest, Toronto debentures.		87 50
424	Doric.	Pickering.	11 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	1 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	38 00
225	Bernard..	Listowel.. . . .	19 00
30	Composite..	Whitby.. . . .	22 00
136	Richardson.	Stouffville	9 00
277	Seymour.	Port Dalhousie.. . . .	8 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	120 00
346	The Occident..	Toronto	17 00
395	Parvaim	Comber.. . . .	15 50
406	Spry..	Fenelon Falls	45 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	8 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	6 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill.. . . .	6 00
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	44 00
257	Galt..	Galt.. . . .	6 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	8 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
18	Prince Edward	Picton.	4 00
104	St. John's.	Norwich.	34 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington	29 00
245	Tecumseh.	Thamesville.	39 00
357	Waterdown.	Millgrove.	6 00
137	Pythagoras.	Meaford.	80 00
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	44 50
U.D.	Corinthian.	Toronto	174 00
38	Trent.	Trenton	18 50
91	Colborne.	Colborne.	116 00
220	Zeredatha.	Uxbridge.	7 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	74 80
56	Victoria.	Sarnia.	93 00
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	6 00
410	Zeta.	Toronto.	33 00
7	Union	Grimsby.	76 00
442	Dymont.	Thessalon	112 00
22	King Solomon.	Toronto.	32 00
121	Doric.	Brantford.	
216	Harris	Orangeville	61 00
283	Eureka	Belleville.	34 00
469	Algoma.	Sault Ste. Marie	13 00
46	Wellington.	Chatham.	12 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	25 00
186	Plantagenet.	Plantagenet.	14 00
205	New Dominion.	New Hamburg.	10 00
446	Granite.	Ft. Frances.	20 00
229	Ionic.	Brampton	16 00
339	Orient	Toronto	37 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury.	19 00
434	Algonquin	Emsdale.	19 00
177	Builders.	Ottawa	10 00
27	Strict Observance.	Hamilton.	205 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SEMI-CEN-
TENNIAL FUND FROM SUBORDINATE
LODGES TO 1907.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
2	Niagara.	Niagara	\$ 60 00
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston.	269 75
5	Sussex	Brockville	192 50
6	The Barton.	Hamilton	1,100 80
7	Union	Grimsby.	72 00
9	Union	Napanee.	88 50
10	Norfolk.	Simcoe	49 00
11	Moir.	Belleville.	11 12
14	True Britons	Perth.	10 00
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	20 00
16	St. Andrew's.	Toronto	100 00
17	St. John's	Cobourg.	13 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton.	243 50
20	St. John's	London	130 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	53 00
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	373 50
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	78 75
24	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls	228 00
25	Ionic.	Toronto	1,146 59
26	Ontario.	Port Hope	203 15
27	Strict Observance.	Hamilton.	716 00
28	Mount Zion.	Kemptville	
29	United	Brighton.	
30	Composite.	Whitby	145 55
31	Jerusalem.	Bowmanville	207 00
32	Amity	Dunnville.	20 00
33	Maitland	Goderich.	82 14
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	1 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	84 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll.	100 00
38	Trent	Trenton	81 50
39	Mount Zion.	Brooklin	23 00
40	St. John's	Hamilton.	52 00
41	St. George's	Kingsville	29 00
42	St. George's.	London	77 00
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	
44	St. Thomas.	St. Thomas	152 00
45	Brant	Brantford	75 00
46	Wellington.	Chatham.	88 00
47	Great Western	Windsor	2 00
48	Madoc	Madoc.	
50	Consecon	Consecon.	
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	219 00
54	Vaughan	Maple.	21 00
55	Merrickville	Merrickville.	40 00
56	Victoria.	Sarnia.	369 00
57	Harmony	Binbrook.	37 00
58	Doric	Ottawa	418 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	1,120 05
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia.	40 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place.	304 00
64	Kilwinning.	London	101 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	85 00
66	Durham.	Newcastle	28 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll.	9 00
69	Stirling.	Stirling	12 00
72	Alma	Galt	
73	St. James	St. Mary's	
74	St. James	South Augusta.	53 00
75	St. John's	Toronto	51 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	17 00
77	Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	343 00
78	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	
79	Simcoe	Bradford.	
81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges	
82	St. John's	Paris.	32 00
83	Beaver	Strathroy.	75 00
84	Clinton.	Clinton	

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount
85	Rising Sun.. . . .	Athens	
86	Wilson.. . . .	Toronto	440 '00
87	Markham Union	Markham	76 00
88	St. George's	Owen Sound.. . . .	387 00
90	Manito	Collingwood.. . . .	
91	Colborne	Colborne.. . . .	271 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston.. . . .	218 00
93	Northern Light	Kincardine	162 00
94	St. Mark's.. . . .	Port Stanley.. . . .	32 00
96	Corinthian.. . . .	Barrie.. . . .	312 00
97	Sharon	Queensville.. . . .	118 00
98	True Blue	Bolton	6 50
99	Tuscan.. . . .	Newmarket	
100	Valley	Dundas	179 00
101	Corinthian.. . . .	Peterborough	363 00
103	Maple Leaf.. . . .	St. Catharines	23 00
104	St. John's	Norwich.. . . .	164 00
105	St. Mark's.. . . .	Niagara Falls S	48 00
106	Burford.. . . .	Burford	
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth.. . . .	15 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton.. . . .	40 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	74 00
110	Central.. . . .	Prescott.. . . .	270 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	277 00
114	Hope.. . . .	Port Hope	51 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	62 25
116	Cassia	Thedford.. . . .	10 00
118	Union	Schomberg	15 00
119	Maple Leaf.. . . .	Bath	158 00
120	Warren.. . . .	Fingal.. . . .	22 00
121	Doric.. . . .	Brantford	297 50
122	Renfrew.. . . .	Renfrew.. . . .	133 00
123	The Belleville.. . . .	Belleville.. . . .	31 00
125	Cornwall	Cornwall.. . . .	89 00
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	
127	Franck.. . . .	Frankford	58 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	387 00
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora.. . . .	34 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	26 00
133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter.. . . .	249 00
135	St. Clair.. . . .	Milton	25 00
136	Richardson.. . . .	Stouffville	42 00
137	Pythagoras.. . . .	Meaford.. . . .	179 00
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	94 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	161 00
141	Tudor	Mitchell	45 00
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg.. . . .	
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	105 00
144	Tecumseh	Stratford.. . . .	
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook.. . . .	64 50
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	27 00
147	Mississippi.. . . .	Almonte.. . . .	159 00
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	178 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	29 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
151	The Grand River.. . . .	Berlin.. . . .	70 00
153	Burns	Wyoming.. . . .	
154	Irving	Lucan.. . . .	
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	448 50
156	York.. . . .	N. Toronto	119 00
157	Simpson.	Newboro'.	12 00
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	48 50
159	Goodwood	Richmond	69 00
161	Percy.	Warkworth	20 00
162	Forest.	Wroxeter.	
164	Star in the East	Wellington	91 00
165	Burlington.. . . .	Burlington	95 00
166	Wentworth.	Stoney Creek	37 00
168	Merriitt	Welland	68 00
169	Macnab.. . . .	Port Colborne	174 00
170	Britannia	Seaforth.. . . .	18 00
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Station.. . . .	
172	Ayr	Ayr.	14 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan.. . . .	25 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	219 00
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	3 00
180	Speed	Guelph	142 00
181	Oriental.. . . .	Port Burwell	
184	Old Light	Lucknow.. . . .	
185	Enniskillen.. . . .	York	
186	Plantagenet.	Plantagenet.. . . .	32 00
190	Belmont.	Belmont	
192	Orillia	Orillia.	252 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	14 00
194	Petrolia.. . . .	Petrolia	3 00
195	Tuscan	London	68 00
196	Madawaska.	Arnprior	
197	Saugeen.. . . .	Walkerton	84 00
200	St. Alban's.. . . .	Mt. Forest	40 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque.. . . .	300 50
203	Irving	Elora.. . . .	50 00
205	New Dominion.	New Hamburg.	67 00
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	
209a	St. John's.. . . .	London	258 50
209	Evergreen	Lanark	
212	Elysian	Garden Island	16 00
215	Lake.. . . .	Ameliasburg.	
216	Harris	Orangeville	196 00
217	Frederick	Delhi.	1 00
218	Stevenson	Toronto	97 00
219	Credit	Georgetown.	126 00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge.	27 00
221	Mountain	Thorold.	
222	Marmora	Marmora.. . . .	72 00
223	Norwood	Norwood.. . . .	194 00
224	Zurich	Hensall	
225	Bernard.. . . .	Listowel	19 00
228	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Odessa	119 00
229	Ionic.	Brampton	191 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
230	Kerr	Barrie.	51 00
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	401 00
232	Cameron	Dutton	
233	Doric.	Parkhill	
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	114 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	35 00
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	56 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	53 00
238	Havelock.	Watford.	
239	Tweed	Tweed.	
242	Macoy	Mallorytown.	16 00
243	St. George	St. George	
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	49 00
247	Ashlar	Toronto	850 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	121 50
250	Thistle	Embro.	
253	Minden	Kingston	85 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	22 70
255	Sydenham	Dresden	10 00
256	Farran's Point.	Aultsville.	34 00
257	Galt.	Galt	102 00
258	Guelph	Guelph	261 00
259	Springfield.	Springfield	77 00
260	Washington.	Petrolia.	28 00
261	Oak Branch.	Innerkip.	30 00
262	Harriston	Harriston	17 00
263	Forest	Forest.	61 00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	158 00
265	Patterson	Thornhill.	37 00
266	Northern Light	Stayner	
267	Parthenon	Chatham.	48 67
268	Verulam.	Bobcaygeon	
269	Brougham Union.	Brougham	1 00
270	Cedar.	Oshawa	185 00
271	Wellington.	Erin	39 50
272	Seymour.	Ancaster.	77 00
274	Kent	Blenheim.	1 00
276	Teeswater.	Teeswater	24 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	38 00
279	New Hope.	Hespeler	79 00
282	Lorne.	Glencoe	
283	Eureka.	Belleville	37 00
284	St. John's	Brussels	
285	Seven Star.	Alliston	28 00
286	Wingham	Wingham	237 00
287	Shuniah.	Port Arthur	46 00
289	Doric.	Lobo	6 00
290	Leamington.	Leamington	64 85
291	Dufferin.	W. Flamboro	30 00
292	Robertson	King	22 00
294	Moore	Courtright	35 00
295	Conestogo	Drayton.	60 00
296	Temple.	St. Catharines	54 00
297	Preston.	Preston	111 00

No.	Name of Lodge	Where Held.	Amount.
299	Victoria.. . . .	Centreville	15 00
300	Mt. Olivet	Thorndale	
302	St. David's.. . . .	St. Thomas	
303	Blyth.. . . .	Blyth	50 00
304	Minerva.. . . .	Stroud	58 00
305	Humber.. . . .	Weston	1 00
306	Durham.. . . .	Durham.. . . .	71 00
307	Arkona.. . . .	Arkona	
309	Morning Star.. . . .	Smith's Hill.. . . .	119 00
311	Blackwood.. . . .	Woodbridge.. . . .	
312	Pnyx.. . . .	Wallaceburg	134 00
313	Clementi.	Lakefield	68 00
314	Blair.. . . .	Palmerston	51 00
315	Clifford.. . . .	Clifford	19 00
316	Doric.	Toronto.. . . .	85 00
318	Wilmot.. . . .	Baden	26 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville	
320	Chesterville.	Chesterville.. . . .	48 00
321	Walker.. . . .	Acton W.	64 50
322	North Star.. . . .	Owen Sound	242 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	45 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	67 00
325	Orono.	Orono	99 00
326	Zetland	Toronto.. . . .	1 200 00
327	The Hammond.	Wardsville	
328	Ionic.. . . .	Napier	
329	King Solomon's	Jarvis	19 00
330	Corinthian.. . . .	London	95 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	58 00
332	Stratford	Stratford	282 00
333	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Flesherton	153 00
334	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Arthur	25 00
336	Highgate	Highgate	8 00
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	23 00
338	Dufferin.	Wellandport.. . . .	7 00
339	Orient	Toronto	117 00
341	Bruce	Tiverton.. . . .	
343	Georgina	Toronto.. . . .	389 85
344	Merrill	Dorchester	34 00
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	14 00
346	The Occident.. . . .	Toronto.. . . .	162 05
347	Mercer	Fergus	25 00
348	Georgian	Penetang	120 00
352	Granite.. . . .	Parry Sound	101 00
354	Brock	Cannington	
356	River Park.. . . .	Streetsville	8 00
357	Waterdown.. . . .	Millgrove.	52 00
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware	
359	Vittoria.. . . .	Vittoria.. . . .	30 00
360	Muskoka.	Bracebridge.	
361	Waverley	Guelph	404 00
362	Maple Leaf.	Tara	42 00
364	Dufferin.. . . .	Melbourne	14 00
367	St. George's.	Toronto.. . . .	205 00

No	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
368	Salem	Brockville	51 00
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	42 00
370	Harmony	Delta	
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	136 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	162 00
373	Copestone	Welland	
374	Keene	Keene	25 00
375	Lorne	Omeme	
376	Unity	Huntsville	34 00
377	Lorne	Shelburne	
378	King Solomon's	London W.	35 00
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	
380	Union	London	118 00
382	Doric	Hamilton	666 00
383	Henderson	W. Winchester	32 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	222 10
385	Spry	Beeton	32 00
386	McColl	West Lorne	18 25
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	14 00
388	Henderson	Ilderton	
389	Crystal Fountain	N Augusta	114 00
390	Florence	Florence	
391	Howard	Ridgetown	
392	Huron	Camlachie	39 00
393	Forest	Chesley	108 00
394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	9 00
395	Parvaim	Comber	24 00
396	Cedar	Warton	128 00
397	Leopold	Brigden	
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	30 00
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	
400	Oakville	Oakville	129 00
401	Craig	Deseronto	12 00
402	Central	Essex	1 00
403	Windsor	Windsor	
404	Lorne	Tamworth	142 00
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	254 00
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	144 00
408	Murray	Beaverton	91 00
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	108 00
410	Zeta	Toronto	185 20
411	Rodney	Rodney	
412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	179 00
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	1 00
414	Pequonga	Kenora	76 90
415	Fort William	Fort William	53 00
416	Lyn	Lyn	22 00
417	Keewatin	Keewatin Mills	60 00
418	Maxville	Maxville	
419	Bismarck	Point Edward	
420	Nipissing	North Bay	151 50
421	Scott	Grand Valley	190 00
422	Star in the East	Bothwell	
423	Strong	Sundridge	77 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
424	Doric.	Pickering	11 00
425	St. Clair.	Sombra	
426	Stanley.	Toronto Junction.	198 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury.	391 00
428	Fidelity.	Port Perry	48 00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	26 00
430	Acacia	Toronto.	80 25
431	Moravian	Eden Grove.	
432	Hanover.	Hanover.	77 00
433	Bonnechere.	Eganville.	144 00
434	Algonquin	Emsdale.	36 00
435	Havelock	Havelock.	167 00
436	Burns.	Hepworth	
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	47 00
438	Harmony	Toronto	
439	Alexandria.	Alexandria	
440	Arcadia.	Minden	135 50
441	Westport	Westport.	20 00
442	Dyment.	Thessalon	96 00
443	Powassen	Powassen	26 00
444	Nitetis	Creemore.	
445	Lake of the Woods.	Kenora	
446	Granite.	Fort Frances	150 25
447	Sturgeon Falls.	Sturgeon Falls.	17 00
448	Xenophon	Wheatley.	9 00
449	Dundalk.	Dundalk.	54 00
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	18 00
451	Somerville	Kinmount	56 00
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	24 00
453	Royal.	Fort William	98 00
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	90 00
455	Doric.	Little Current	147 00
456	Elma.	Monkton.	66 00
457	Century.	Merlin.	
458	Wales	Wales.	138 00
459	Cobden.	Cobden	56 00
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	20 00
461	Ionic.	Rainy River.	109 00
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	76 00
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	49 00
464	King Edward.	Sunderland	17 00
465	Carleton.	Carp	25 00
466	Coronation.	Elmvale.	19 00
467	Tottenham.	Tottenham	15 00
468	Peel	Caledon East	30 50
469	Algoma.	Sault Ste. Marie	114 00
470	Victoria.	Victoria Harbor	59 00
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	106 00
472	Gore Bay.	Gore Bay.	33 00
473	The Beaches	Toronto	
474	Victoria.	Toronto Junction	40 00
475	Dundurn.	Hamilton.	
476	Corinthian	North Gower	
477	Harding.	Woodville.	

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
U.D. Bancroft	Bancroft.. . . .		
U.D. Milverton.. . . .	Milverton.		
U.D. Russell.. . . .	Russell		
U.D. Williamsburg.	N. Williamsburg		
U.D. Corinthian	Toronto.. . . .	174	00
U.D. Granton	Granton.. . . .		
Individual subscriptions.. . . .		40	73
Subscriptions from District 11		46	50
Subscriptions from District 11a		46	50
Subscriptions from District 14		1	50
H. M. H. A. Stock.. . . .		100	00
Interest		2,291	30
			\$38,358 25

Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1907.

The balance at the credit of General Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1906, was.. . . .	\$3,298 92	
Less outstanding cheques.. . . .	1,470 00	
		\$1,828 92

During the year the following accounts have been received by me from the Grand Secretary, viz. :

Cash from lodges and sundries	\$32,824 03	
Interest on investments	4,366 26	
Interest on bank deposits.. . . .	169 50	
		\$37,359 79
Canada Permanent debenture redeemed.. . . .		10,000 00
Total receipts		<u>\$49,188 71</u>

The Expenditure during the year was as follows :

For general charges.	\$14,201 72
For benevolence.	20,150 00
	\$34,351 72

Brockville 4 per cent. debentures purchased, viz. :

Two, at \$5,000.00 and \$4,832.09	\$9,832 09
Less discount to pay 4½ per cent and 4½ per cent. respectively.. . . .	333 90
	9,498 19
Total expenditure	<u>\$43,849 91</u>

Balance in Bank 31st May, 1907	\$5,773 80
Less outstanding cheques.. . . .	435 00
	5,338 80
	<u>\$49,188 71</u>

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with E. T.
Malone, Grand Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1906.

June 1—Balance as per balance sheet, 31st May, 1906.. . . .	\$111,844 08
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1907.

May 31—Received from Grand Secretary from interest on investments and from bank interest	37,359 79
	<u>\$149,203 87</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1906.

June 1—Bell Telephone, account to December 1, 1906.. . . .	\$ 28 50
5—Grand Secretary's salary to June 30th, 1906.. . . .	500 00
5—Grand Treasurer's salary to June 30th, 1906.. . . .	50 00
5—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
5—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to June 30th, 1906.. . . .	115 00
19—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to June 30th, 1906.. . . .	66 00
19—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to June 30th, 1906.. . . .	50 00
19—Stenographer's salary to June 30, 1906	44 00
July 19—Expenses of Grand Lodge meeting at Toronto.	1,050 00
21—Spectator Printing Co., balance ac- count	888 78
21—Copp, Clark Co., printing warrants ..	785 80
21—Robert Duncan Co., stationery.. . . .	119 25
21—Howell Lithographing Co., cheque books	36 00
21—A. C. Turnbull Co., stationery.. . . .	34 39
21—G. H. Lannigan, returns	12 00
21—Henry Robertson, Foreign Correspond- ence.. . . .	150 00
21—Grand Secretary, account incidentals..	500 00
21—J. H. Sootheran, agent United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co., premium on Grand Secretary's bond	12 50
21—General Masonic Relief Association, annual subscription.	174 82

July	21—Grand Master, balance travelling expenses	147 96
	21—W. G. Eakins, compiling Index to Constitution	200 00
	21—Chairman "Benevolence," stamps, etc.	15 00
	21—Atwell, Fleming Co.	149 75
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to July 31st, 1906	67 00
	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to July 31st, 1906	50 00
	26—Stenographer's salary to July 31, 1906	43 00
	26—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent investigation.	200 00
Aug.	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to August 31st, 1906	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to August 31st, 1906	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to August 31st, 1906.	43 00
	27—Thomas French, binding Proceedings.	36 80
	27—Rolph & Clark, A. A. Stevenson medal	33 25
	27—Brown Bros., 200 sheets of paper.	13 00
Sept.	5—Grand Secretary's salary to September 30th, 1906.	500 00
	5—Grand Treasurer's salary to September 30th, 1906.	50 00
	5—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
	5—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to September 30th, 1906.	115 00
	7—J. B. Nixon account, Investigation on Benevolence	20 00
	10—Grand Secretary, balance expenses Grand Lodge meeting	7 20
	14—Rolph & Clark, bar and pin, A. A. Stevenson	6 00
	14—Grand Secretary, account expenses Grand Lodge	4 00
	24—Grand Master, account expenses	250 00
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to September 30th, 1906	66 00
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to September 30th, 1906	50 00
	24—Stenographer's salary to September 30th, 1906	44 00
	28—Floral decoration, Bro. J. S. Dewar	32 00
Oct.	1—J. B. Nixon, account Investigation on Benevolence	200 00
	11—Expenses, commission re Grand Lodge Lodge British Columbia v. King Edward Lodge, No. 464	27 55
	20—Bro. Nixon, balance Investigation Benevolence, 1906.	100 00
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to October 31st, 1906	67 00

Oct.	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to October 31st, 1906	50 00
	26—Stenographer's salary to October 31st, 1906	43 00
	26—Toronto General Trusts Company, rent of vault box to 20th September, 1907	25 00
Nov.	8—Bro. Pritchard, services as Tyler to Grand Lodge	10 00
	13—Expenses attending Committee on Regalia and Stevenson lodge and Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master	14 00
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 30th November, 1906	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th November, 1906	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to 30th November, 1906	43 00
Dec.	3—Grand Secretary's salary to 31st December, 1906	500 00
	3—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December, 1906	50 00
	3—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
	3—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th December, 1906	115 00
	4—Bell Telephone, account to June 1st, 1907	28 50
	10—Adam Cook, account for letter heads	4 00
	21—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st December, 1906	66 00
	21—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st December, 1906	50 00
	21—Stenographer's salary to 31st December, 1906	44 00
1907.		
Jan.	8—Reid & Co., printing	21 00
	8—Grand Secretary account, incidental expenses	500 00
	28—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st January, 1907	67 00
	28—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st January, 1907	50 00
	28—Stenographer's salary to 31st January, 1907	43 00
	28—Copp, Clark & Co., account certificates and warrants	700 50
Feb.	9—Deputy Grand Master and Auditor's fees, Stevenson Lodge and Corinthian Lodge	28 40
	9—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 28th February, 1907	67 00
	9—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 28th February, 1907	50 00
	9—Stenographer's salary to 28th February, 1907	43 00
	9—Spectator, on account printing	1,500 00

March	1—Grand Secretary, expenses Regalia Committee.	4 75
	1—Grand Secretary's salary.	500 00
	1—Grand Treasurer's salary.	50 00
	1—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
	1—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March, 1907	115 00
	9—Copp, Clark & Co., account	700 00
	23—Insurance premium, Alliance Assurance Co., office furniture.	30 60
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st March, 1907	66 00
	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st March, 1907.	50 00
	26—Stenographer's salary to 31st March, 1907.	44 00
	27—Grand Master, account travelling expenses	250 00
April	5—Atlas Assurance Co., premium on regalia, furniture and books.	21 42
	13—Mackay's Masonic History	33 00
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 30th April, 1907	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th April, 1907	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to 30th April, 1907.	43 00
May	9—Howell Lithographing Co., cheque books	36 00
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st May, 1907	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st May, 1907	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to 31st May, 1907.	43 00
	27—Benevolent orders.	20,150 00
	Balance as per Balance Sheet.	114,852 15
		\$149,023 87

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1907, and the sums invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented vault where the debentures are deposited.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31st, 1907.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value at 4 per cent...	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value at 6 per cent..	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan and Savings Co., at 4½ p.c.	15,000 00
Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent	10,000 00
The Landed Banking and Loan Co., at 4¾ p. c...	15,000 00
Canada Savings and Loan Co., at 4½ per cent...	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., at 4½ p. c. . .	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, at 4 per cent. . . .	8,000 00
St. Thomas Debentures, at 4 per cent...	12,148 50
City of Toronto, at 3½ per cent., to pay 4.05 p. c.	4,866 66
Brockville Debentures, face value, \$4,832.09 ; purchase to yield 4½ per cent., cost price ..	4,649 44
Brockville Debenture, face value \$5,000.00 ; purchase to pay 4¾ per cent., purchase price. . .	4,848 75
	\$109,513 35

Current Account—

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce	
31st May, 1907.	\$5,773 80
Less cheques not presented up to 31st	
May, 1907	435 00
	5,338 80
	\$114,852 15

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ending 31st May, 1907 :

The balance at the credit of the account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1906, was.. . . .	\$ 3,814 83
Received from the Grand Secretary during the year ending 31st May, 1907 ..	\$8,331 92
Interest on investments	1,148 59
Interest on bank deposits	99 75
Dividend on Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock, value \$100, standing in the name and held by the Grand Secretary	4 00
	9,584 26
	\$13,399 09

The expenditure during the year ending 31st May, 1907, was as follows :

Oshawa debentures.. . . .	\$ 5,272 13
St. Catharines debentures.. . . .	5,201 00
Balance in bank	2,925 96
	\$13,399 09

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, MAY 31, 1907.

Debentures—

City of Toronto	\$ 5,000 00
City of Woodstock	4,000 00
City of Ottawa	10,000 00
City of Peterboro...	2,000 00
Stock in Hamilton Masonic Hall.. . . .	100 00
City of St. Catharines, to pay $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent, cost..	5,201 00
Town of Oshawa, to pay $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	5,272 13
Balance at credit of Current Account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1907	2,925 96
.	
	\$34,499 09

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

1906-1907

**PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON
ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.**

June 1906	June 1906
25 Rev. C. L. B. . . . \$50 00	10 Bro. W. C. 25 00
25 Miss E. A. McK . . 25 00	10 Bro. S. M. 25 00
25 Mrs. W. M. W. 75 00	10 Wid. R. W. 10 00
25 Miss M. W. 75 00	10 Wid. E. S. 15 00
25 Miss M. H. H. 18 75	10 Dau. R. W. McK . . 20 00
25 Mrs. T. D. H. 75 00	10 Bro. W. H. 25 00
25 Bro. R. 50 00	10 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of
August	R., Kingston, for
10 Wid. G. S. M. 20 00	dau. J. D. 25 00
10 Wid. J. V. 20 00	10 Wid. J. M. 25 00
10 Wid. W. C. S. 30 00	10 Wid. J. W. 10 00
10 Wid. A. S. 15 00	10 Wid. J. T. 10 00
10 Wid. S. R. 30 00	10 Wid. J. W. 15 00
10 Urania, G. Dau. Z.	10 Wid. W. J. A. 20 00
M. P. 10 00	10 Bro. W. J. McC. . . 25 00
10 Chloe, Gr. Dau. Z.	10 Bro. W. P. 15 00
M. P. 10 00	10 Bro. E. H. B. 50 00
10 Wid. W. J. W. 20 00	10 Wid. H. L. K. 20 00
10 Wid. G. R. B. 25 00	10 Wid. W. T. 20 00
10 Wid. J. J. 25 00	10 Wid. T. E. 15 00
10 Wid. S. M. R. 20 00	10 Wid. J. H. 10 00
10 Wid. G. P. 30 00	10 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of
10 Sister J. McP. . . . 10 00	R., London, for
10 Bro. W. G. 25 00	Wid. A. F. 100 00
10 Wid. T. H. W. 25 00	10 Wid. J. W. 15 00
10 Wid. R. A. K. 20 00	10 Wid. W. F. S. . . . 20 00
10 Wid. G. S. 25 00	10 Wid. T. W. H. . . . 20 00
10 Frances, dau. M. N. 10 00	10 wid. T. G. S. 10 00
10 Wid. R. G. 20 00	10 Wid. T. G. McL. L. 15 00
10 Mrs. C. A., sister T.	10 Bro. D. W. V. . . . 50 00
H. B. 15 00	10 Wid. G. C. 20 00
10 Wid. E. H. 20 00	10 Wid. A. J. 20 00
10 Wid. J. K. 25 00	10 Wid. R. L. 10 00
10 Wid. J. F. H. 15 00	10 Wid. W. J. S. 15 00
10 Wid. A. M. 15 00	10 Mother C. M. 10 00
10 Wid. R. M. K. 15 00	10 Wid. J. W. 15 00
10 Wid. A. S. D. 20 00	10 Wid. J. LeC. 10 00
10 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	10 Wid. J. L. Y. 10 00
R. H. for Bro.	10 Wid. W. P. 15 00
J. W. 10 00	10 Wid. G. T. 20 00
10 Wid. A. E. McD. . . 20 00	10 Wid. L. G. J. 10 00
10 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	10 Wid. T. B. 10 00
R. H. for Bro.	10 Wid. J. E. M. 50 00
J. B. S. 40 00	10 Wid. W. A. W. . . . 20 00
10 Bro. R. T. S. 25 00	10 Wid. W. H. S. . . . 10 00

June 1906		June 1906	
10 Wid. W. B...	20 00	10 Wid. F. S. B. ...	20 00
10 Wid. D. G. ...	20 00	10 Wid. R. D. M. ...	20 00
10 Wid. P. G. ...	20 00	10 Wid. R. P. ...	15 00
10 Wid. J. E. ...	20 00	10 Wid. J. M. ...	10 00
10 Wid. J. L. H. ...	20 00	10 Wid. A. R. P. ...	30 00
10 Wid. W. T. D. ...	40 00	10 Wid. J. T. G. ...	25 00
10 Wid. J. W. McD. ...	20 00	10 Wid. A. W. ...	20 00
10 Dau. W. K. ...	10 00	10 Wid. G. C. P. ...	30 00
10 Wid. W. G. S. R. ...	10 00	10 Wid. R. H. D. ...	20 00
10 Wid. W. F. ...	20 00	10 Wid. T. R. ...	15 00
10 Wid. J. B. ...	25 00	10 Wid. J. McK. ...	25 00
10 Wid. W. L. ...	10 00	10 Wid. R. H. ...	10 00
10 Wid. W. M. H. ...	40 00	10 Wid. G. F. ...	80 00
10 Wid. H. H. ...	20 00	10 Wid. J. R. L. S. ...	15 00
10 Wid. A. H. ...	15 00	10 Wid. S. R. ...	15 00
10 Wife of S. M. D. ...	20 00	10 Wid. A. B. ...	50 00
10 Wid. F. S. B. ...	20 00	10 Wid. G. H. B. ...	30 00
10 Wid. T. J. B. ...	20 00	10 Wid. J. O. ...	25 00
10 Wid. J. McK. ...	15 00	10 Mother J. O. ...	10 00
10 Son of J. L. ...	25 00	10 Wife F. D. ...	25 00
10 Wid. A. L. ...	20 00	10 Wid. A. G. ...	15 00
10 Wid. W. M. ...	10 00	10 Wid. G. H. McI. ...	30 00
10 Wid. A. M. ...	10 00	10 Wid. H. J. C. ...	10 00
10 Wid. T. S. S. ...	10 00	10 Wid. J. W. H. ...	20 00
10 Wid. G. S. ...	20 00	10 Wid. F. W. S. ...	25 00
10 Wid. C. W. M. ...	20 00	10 W. M. Alpha Lodge, 384, for Bro. R. C. ...	25 00
10 Bro. R. H. G. ...	50 00	10 Bro. J. T. T. ...	30 00
10 Wid. W. B. ...	20 00	10 Wid. W. E. H. ...	40 00
10 Wid. H. C. ...	20 00	10 Dau. W. B. S. ...	20 00
10 Wid. C. D. McD. ...	25 00	10 Bro. H. E. B. ...	75 00
10 Wid. G. H. N. ...	20 00	10 Wid. T. V. ...	20 00
10 Sister W. C. ...	30 00	10 Wid. S. B. ...	15 00
10 Wid. W. M. ...	30 00	10 Bro. M. G. R. ...	75 00
10 Wid. F. C. ...	10 00	10 Dau. W. W. ...	20 00
10 Bro. H. O. H. ...	75 00	10 Wid. J. M. ...	20 00
10 Bro. E. G. ...	75 00	10 Wid. H. H. ...	25 00
10 Wid. L. Y. ...	20 00	10 Wid. F. M. B. ...	30 00
10 Wid. G. S. ...	25 00	10 Wid. J. S. ...	20 00
10 Wid. W. H. S. ...	20 00	10 Bro. A. J. McK. ...	150 00
10 Wid. W. J. ...	25 00	10 Wid. A. C. ...	20 00
10 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of R., Toronto, for Stanley, orphan S. P. ...	10 00	10 Wid. J. A. ...	15 00
10 Sec.-Treas L. B. of R., Toronto, for Bro. J. H. ...	75 00	10 Dau. J. C. ...	50 00
10 Wid. J. L. H. ...	15 00	10 Wid. M. C. B. ...	50 00
10 Wid. T. A. ...	25 00	10 Wid. J. M. S. ...	15 00
10 Sec.-Treas L. B. of R., Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M. ...	75 00	10 Wid. J. B. ...	30 00
10 Bro. T. G. ...	75 00	10 Wid. R. A. D. ...	40 00
10 Wid. G. T. P. ...	20 00	10 Wid. G. S. P. ...	50 00
		10 Wid. W. B. W. ...	25 00
		10 Bro. S. R. ...	75 00
		10 Wid. J. S. B. ...	25 00
		10 Bro. B. B. ...	75 00
		10 Wid. T. H. S. ...	30 00

June 1906

10 Bro. A. C.	50 00
10 Wid. B. E. T. B. . .	25 00
10 Wid. M. F. H. . . .	10 00
10 Bro. A. K.	75 00
10 Wid. A. DeP	20 00
10 Sister E. C.	50 00
10 Wid. E. W.	25 00
10 Bro. H. R.	25 00
10 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00
10 Wid. B. U.	20 00
10 Wid. C. A.	15 00
10 Bro. F. M.	50 00
10 Wid. E. K.	15 00
10 Ethel, dau. J. J. . .	15 00
10 Wid. D. L. C.	15 00
10 Wid. B. E.	25 00
10 Wid. A. C.	25 00
10 Wid. S. H. V.	15 00
10 Wid. H. E.	40 00
10 Wid. W. J. S.	25 00
10 Wid. W. J. C.	20 00
10 Bro. W. E.	75 00
10 Bro. J. M.	25 00
10 Bro. F. C. M.	75 00
10 Bro. G. C.	25 00
10 Wid. J. W. S.	20 00
10 Wid. D. R.	40 00
10 Wid. J. B.	20 00
10 Wid. G. W. W.	20 00
10 Wid. J. E.	20 00
10 Wid. C. F. R.	40 00
10 Wid. A. C. C.	15 00
10 Bro. J. A. S.	15 00
10 Bro. J. P.	25 00
10 Wid. G. G.	10 00
10 Wid. S. T.	30 00
10 Wid. M. J. L.	10 00
10 Wid. W. E. K.	15 00
10 Mrs. A.J.S., mother J. B. C.	50 00
10 Wid. D. S.	30 00
10 Wid. J. G. L.	50 00
10 Wid. C. G.	15 00
10 Wid. T. J. J.	20 00
10 Bro. C. R.	50 00
10 Wid. J. C.	20 00
10 Bro. W. S.	25 00
10 Wid. J. H.	20 00
10 Bro. J. F. R.	75 00
10 Wid. J. W.	30 00
10 Wid. W. A.	15 00
10 Wid. J. S.	15 00
10 Wid. G. R. R.	20 00
10 Wid. G. W.	10 00

June 1906

10 Wid. D. S.	10 00
10 Wid. C. B. B.	20 00
10 Wid. P. R. D.	10 00
10 Wid. W. E. S.	15 00
10 Bro. J. S.	75 00
10 Dau. C. B.	10 00
10 Wid. G. S.	20 00
10 Wid. T. G. B.	20 00
10 Wid. S. A.	20 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, for orphans of C. M. . . .	30 00
10 Wid. J. F.	50 00
10 Wid. J. A. McL. . . .	25 00
10 Dau. T. L.	20 00
10 Wid. J. A. P.	15 00
10 Wid. J. R.	30 00
10 Bro. G. W. A. P. . . .	50 00
10 Wid. J. A.	50 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 131, Southamp- ton, for Bro. J.P. . . .	75 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 136, Stouffville, for Bro. J. C.	25 00
10 Wid. S. L.	25 00
10 Bro. W. F.	25 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 140, Aylmer, for Bro. R. C. W.	50 00
10 Wid. W. E. J.	25 00
10 Wid. J. A.	50 00
10 Hattie, dau. J. R. S. .	25 00
10 Wid. R. G.	10 00
10 Wid. W. C.	25 00
10 Bro. T. W.	50 00
10 Wid. L. N.	25 00
10 Wid. A. S.	50 00
10 Wid. A. S.	30 00
10 Bro. W. Y.	50 00
10 Wid. J. McL.	25 00
10 Wife of W. K.	30 00
10 Wid. J. P.	50 00
10 Wid. J. Z.	15 00
10 Wid. W. S.	20 00
10 Wid. F. B. P.	15 00
10 Wid. D. S. L.	20 00
10 Wid. R. H. W.	20 00
10 Wid. J. A. S.	20 00
10 Wid. E. S.	15 00
10 Wid. D. McN	20 00
10 Wid. D. L.	25 00
10 Wid. J. W.	20 00
10 Bro. F. McE	25 00

June 1906		10 Wid. W. B...	20 00	10 Wid. W. B...	20 00
10 Dau. G. McE ..	20 00	10 Wid. R. E...	15 00	June 1906	
10 Wid. W. A. C...	15 00	10 M. W. Bro. A. A. S.,		Montreal, for	
10 Wid. W. W. P...	25 00	Wid. A. B. ...	50 00	31 By order 1098, over-	
10 Wid. R. C. ...	15 00	charged, 2 May,		1906 ..	10 00
10 Wid. G. W. A...	20 00	September			
10 Bro. R. V. ...	50 00	23 W. M. Lodge No.			
10 Wid. E. D...	20 00	154, Lucan, for			
10 Bro. J. F. S...	25 00	funeral expenses			
10 Bro. C. L. ...	15 00	W. R. R. ...	40 00		
10 Bro. T. R. W...	75 00	24 Mrs. W. M. W...	75 00		
10 Wid. H. R. ...	30 00	24 Miss W...	75 00		
10 Wid. O. Y. ...	20 00	24 Miss H. ...	18 75		
10 Wid. J. M. ...	10 00	24 Mrs. T. D. H. ...	75 00		
10 Wid. F. B. ...	10 00	8 Mrs. J. W. F., wid.			
10 Wid. W. B. S...	25 00	late Bro. J.N.F.	50 00		
10 Wid. A. A. M...	25 00	October			
10 Bro. J. B. ...	75 00	15 Bro. R. A. ...	50 00		
10 Wid. C. C. G...	25 00	16 Bro. R. H. G...	50 00		
10 Bro. H. H...	25 00	November			
10 W. B. G. H. W., P.		5 Bro. F. P. ...	50 00		
M. Lodge No. 348		26 Wid. C. A. M...	50 00		
for Bro. G. A.		26 Bro. G. W. B. C...	50 00		
F. C...	40 00	December			
10 Wid. A. A. N...	25 00	4 S. J. A. (dau. R.)	50 00		
10 Wid. F. C. ...	20 00	10 Mrs. H. J. S...	50 00		
10 M. W. Bro. H. M.,		10 Bro. V. A. ...	50 00		
C. S., for Bro.		August			
C. L. B...	75 00	10 Bro. W. G. S. dup.	20 00		
10 Wid. J. E. E...	15 00	December			
10 Wid. R. A. P...	25 00	22 Mrs. R. W. L...	40 00		
10 W. M. Lodge No.		31 Mrs. W. M. W...	75 00		
373, Welland, for		31 H. W. and Miss W.	75 00		
youngest orphan		31 Miss M. A. H...	18 75		
C. A. L. M. C...	15 00	31 Mrs. T. D. H...	75 00		
10 Bro. W. McK...	25 00	15 Sec. Colborne, acct.			
10 Bro. J. C. ...	25 00	fun. exp. J. P...	25 00		
10 Bro. S. D. ...	75 00	February 1907.			
10 Wid. B. C. ...	50 00	1 Bro. G. A. C...	50 00		
10 Wid. P. C. ...	40 00	1 Wid. G. S. M...	20 00		
10 Wid. L. M. L...	15 00	1 Wid. J. V. ...	20 00		
10 Bro. R. G. ...	50 00	1 Wid. W. C. S...	30 00		
10 W. M. Lodge No.		1 Wid. A. S...	15 00		
401, Deseronto,		1 Wid. S. R. ...	30 00		
for Wid. J. C...	20 00	1 Urania, Gr. Dau. Z.			
10 Wid. A. C...	20 00	M. P...	10 00		
10 Bro. A. J. ...	75 00	1 Chloe, Gr. Dau. Z.			
10 Bro. W. B. ...	40 00	M. P...	10 00		
10 Wid. J. P. ...	40 00	1 Wid. W. J. W...	20 00		
10 Wid. J. P. G...	30 00	1 Wid. G. R. B...	25 00		
10 Bro. G. R. McL...	75 00				
10 Bro. C. S. ...	75 00				
10 Bro. G. H. B...	25 00				
10 Bro. T. P. ...	25 00				
10 Wid. M. McC...	30 00				

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

February 1907

1 Wid. J. J.	25 00
1 Wid. S. R. M.	20 00
1 Wid. G. P.	30 00
1 Sister J. McP	10 00
1 Bro. W. G.	25 00
1 Wid. T. H. W.	25 00
1 Wid. R. A. K.	20 00
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00
1 Frances, orph. M.N.	10 00
1 Wid. R. G.	20 00
1 Mrs. C. A., sister	
T. H. B.	15 00
1 Wid. E. H.	20 00
1 Wid. J. K.	25 00
1 Wid. J. F. H.	15 00
1 Wid. A. M.	15 00
1 Wid. R. M. K.	15 00
1 Wid. A. S. D.	20 00
1 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
R., Hamilton, for	
Bro. J. W. fun.	
expenses.	10 00
1 Wid. T. E. McD	20 00
1 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of	
R., Hamilton, for	
Bro. J. B. S.	40 00
1 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
1 Bro. W. C.	25 00
1 Bro. S. M.	25 00
1 Wid. R. W.	10 00
1 Wid. G. S.	15 00
1 Dau. R. W. McK. . . .	20 00
1 Bro. W. H.	25 00
1 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
R., Kingston, for	
dau. J. D.	25 00
1 Wid. J. M.	25 00
1 Wid. J. W.	10 00
1 Wid. J. T.	10 00
1 Wid. J. W.	15 00
1 Wid. W. J. A.	20 00
1 Wid. W. McC	25 00
1 Wid. W. P.	15 00
1 Wid. H. L. K.	20 00
1 Wid. W. T.	20 00
1 Wid. T. E.	15 00
1 Wid. J. H.	10 00
1 Wid. J. W.	15 00
1 Wid. W. F. S.	20 00
1 Wid. T. W. H.	20 00
1 Wid. T. G. S.	10 00
1 Wid. T. G. McL	15 00
1 Bro. D. W. V.	50 00
1 Wid. G. C.	20 00

February 1907

1 Wid. A. J.	20 00
1 Wid. R. L.	10 00
1 Wid. W. J. S.	15 00
1 Mother C. M.	10 00
1 Wid. J. W.	15 00
1 Wid. J. LeC.	10 00
1 Wid. J. L. Y.	10 50
1 Wid. W. P.	15 00
1 Wid. G. T.	20 00
1 Wid. L. G. J.	10 00
1 Wid. T. B.	10 00
1 Wid. J. E. M.	50 00
1 Wid. W. A. W.	20 00
1 Wid. W. H. S.	10 00
1 Wid. W. B.	20 00
1 Wid. D. G.	20 00
1 Wid. P. G.	20 00
1 Wid. J. E.	20 00
1 Wid. J. L. H.	20 00
1 Wid. W. T. D.	40 00
1 Wid. J. W. McD. . . .	20 00
1 Dau. W. K.	10 00
1 Wid. W. G. S. R. . . .	10 00
1 Wid. W. F.	20 00
1 Wid. J. B.	25 00
1 Wid. W. L.	10 00
1 Wid. W. M. H.	40 00
1 Wid. H. H.	20 00
1 Wid. A. H.	15 00
1 Wife S. M. D.	20 00
1 Wid. F. G. B.	20 00
1 Wid. T. J. B.	20 00
1 Wid. J. McK	15 00
1 Son J. L.	25 00
1 Wid. W. A. L.	20 00
1 Wid. W. M.	10 00
1 Wid. A. M.	10 00
1 Wid. T. S. S.	10 00
1 Wid. G. S. M.	20 00
1 Wid. G. W. M.	20 00
1 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of	
R., Peterboro,	
for Bro. R.H.G. . . .	50 00
1 Wid. W. B.	20 00
1 Wid. H. C.	20 00
1 Wid. C. D. McD	25 00
1 Wid. G. H. N.	20 00
1 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
R., Peterboro,	
for Sister W. C. . . .	30 00
1 Wid. W. M.	30 00
1 Wid. F. C.	10 00
1 Bro. H. O. H.	75 00
1 Bro. E. H.	75 00

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1 Wid. L. Y.	20 00
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00
1 Wid. W. H. S.	20 00
1 Wid. W. J.	25 00
1 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of R., Toronto, for Orphan S. P. Stanley	10 00
1 W. M. Lodge No. 22, Toronto, for Bro. J. H.	75 00
1 Wid. J. L. H.	15 00
1 Wid. T. A.	25 00
1 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of R., Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M. (11 Oregon).	75 00
1 Bro. T. G.	75 00
1 Wid. G. T. P.	20 00
1 Wid. F. S. B.	20 00
1 Wid. R. D. M.	20 00
1 Wid. R. P.	15 00
1 Wid. J. M.	10 00
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1 Wid. A. W.	20 00
1 Wid. G. C. P.	30 00
1 Wid. R. H. D.	20 00
1 Wid. T. R.	15 00
1 Wid. J. McK	25 00
1 Wid. R. H.	10 00
1 Wid. J. R. L. S.	15 00
1 Wid. S. R.	15 00
1 Wife A. B.	50 00
1 Wid. J. H. B.	30 00
1 Wid. J. O.	25 00
1 Mother J. O.	10 00
1 Wife F. D.	25 00
1 Wid. A. G.	15 00
1 Wid. G. M. McI.	30 00
1 Wid. H. J. C.	10 00
1 Wid. J. W. H.	20 00
1 Wid. F. W. S.	25 00
1 W. M. Lodge No. 384, Toronto, for Wid. R. C.	25 00
1 Bro. J. T. T.	30 00
1 Wid. W. E. H.	40 00
1 Dau. W. B. S.	20 00
1 Bro. H. E. B.	75 00
1 Wid. T. V.	20 00
1 Wid. S. B.	15 00
1 Bro. M. G. R.	75 00

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1 Dau. W. W.	20 00
1 Wid. J. M.	20 00
1 Wid. H. H.	25 00
1 Wid. F. M. B.	30 00
1 Wid. J. L.	20 00
1 Wid. A. C.	20 00
1 Wid. J. A.	15 00
1 Dau. J. C.	50 00
1 Wid. M. C. B.	50 00
1 Wid. I. M. S.	15 00
1 Wid. J. B.	30 00
1 Wid. R. A. D.	40 00
1 Wid. G. E. P.	50 00
1 Wid. W. B. W.	25 00
1 Bro. W. R.	75 00
1 Wid. J. S. B.	25 00
1 Bro. B. B.	75 00
1 Wid. T. H. S.	30 00
1 Bro. A. C.	50 00
1 Wid. G. E. T. B.	25 00
1 Wid. M. F. H.	10 00
1 Bro. A. K.	75 00
1 Wid. A. DeP.	20 00
1 Sister E. C.	50 00
1 Wid. E. W.	25 00
1 Bro. H. R.	25 00
1 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00
1 Wid. W. B. Z.	20 00
1 Wid. C. A.	15 00
1 Bro. F. M.	50 00
1 Wid. E. K.	15 00
1 Wid. D. L. C.	15 00
1 Wid. B. E.	25 00
1 Wid. A. C.	25 00
1 Wid. S. H. V.	15 00
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1 Wid. W. J. S.	25 00
1 Wid. W. J. C.	20 00
1 Bro. W. E.	75 00
1 Bro. J. M.	25 00
1 Bro. F. C. M.	75 00
1 Bro. G. C.	25 00
1 Wid. J. W. S.	20 00
1 Wid. D. R.	40 00
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1 Wid. G. W. W.	20 00
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1 Wid. C. T. R.	40 00
1 Wid. A. C. C.	15 00
1 Bro. J. A. S.	15 00
1 Wid. G. G.	10 00
1 Wid. S. T.	30 00
1 Wid. M. J. L.	10 00
1 Wid. W. E. K.	15 00

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1 Mrs. A. J. S., mother	
J. B. C.	50 00
1 Wid. J. G. L.	50 00
1 Wid. C. G.	15 00
1 Wid. T. J. J.	20 00
1 Bro. C. R.	50 00
1 Wid. J. C.	20 00
1 Bro. W. S.	25 00
1 Wid. J. H.	20 00
1 Bro. J. E. R.	75 00
1 Wid. J. W.	30 00
1 Wid. W. A.	15 00
1 Wid. J. S.	15 00
1 Wid. G. R. R.	20 00
1 Wid. G. W.	10 00
1 Wid. D. S.	10 00
1 Wid. G. B. B.	20 00
1 Wid. P. R. D.	10 00
1 Wid. W. E. S.	15 00
1 Bro. J. S.	75 00
1 Dau. C. B.	10 00
1 Wid. G. S.	20 00
1 Wid. T. G. B.	20 00
1 Wid. S. A.	20 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
122, Renfrew, or-	
phans C. M.	30 00
1 Wid. J. F.	50 00
1 Wid. J. A. M.	25 00
1 Dau. T. L.	20 00
1 Wid. J. A. P.	15 00
1 Wid. J. R.	30 00
1 Bro. G. W. A. P.	50 00
1 Wid. J. A.	50 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
131, Southamp-	
ton, Bro. J. P.	75 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
136, Stouffville,	
Bro. J. C.	25 00
1 Wid. S. L.	25 00
1 Bro. W. E.	25 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
140, Aylmer, for	
Bro. R. W.	50 00
1 Wid. W. E. J.	25 00
1 Wid. J. A.	50 00
1 Hattie, dau J. R. S.	25 00
1 Wid. R. G.	10 00
1 Wid. W. C.	25 00
1 Bro. T. W.	50 00
1 Wid. L. N.	25 00
1 Wid. A. B. S.	50 00

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1 Wid. A. S.	30 00
1 Bro. W. Y.	50 00
1 Wid. J. McL.	25 00
1 Wife W. K.	30 00
1 Wid. J. P.	50 00
1 Wid. J. Z.	15 00
1 Wid. W. S.	20 00
1 Wid. T. B. P.	15 00
1 Wid. D. S. L.	20 00
1 Wid. R. H. W.	20 00
1 Wid. J. A. S.	20 00
1 Wid. E. S.	15 00
1 Wid. D. McN.	20 00
1 Wid. D. L.	25 00
1 Wid. J. W.	20 00
1 Bro. F. McE.	25 00
1 Wid. W. A. C.	15 00
1 Wid. W. W. P.	25 00
1 Wid. R. C.	15 00
1 Wid. G. W. A.	20 00
1 Bro. R. V.	50 00
1 Wid. E. D.	20 00
1 Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
1 Bro. C. L.	15 00
1 Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
1 Wid. H. R.	30 00
1 Wid. O. Y.	20 00
1 Wid. J. M.	10 00
1 Wid. F. B.	10 00
1 Wid. W. B. S.	25 00
1 Wid. A. A. M.	25 00
1 Bro. J. B.	75 00
1 Wid. C. C. G.	25 00
1 Bro. H. H.	25 00
1 W. Bro. G. H. W.,	
P. M. Lodge 348,	
Penetang, for	
Bro. G. A. F. C.	40 00
1 Wid. A. A. N.	25 00
1 Wid. W. G. S.	20 00
1 Wid. F. C.	20 00
1 H. M., Gr. Sec., for	
C. L. B.	75 00
1 Wid. J. E. E.	15 00
1 Wid. R. A. P.	25 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
373, Welland, for	
orphans C. A. L.	
W. C. 2 youngest	15 00
1 Bro. W. McK.	25 00
1 Bro. J. C.	25 00
1 Bro. S. D.	75 00
1 Wid. B. C.	50 00

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1 Wid. P. C.	40 00
1 Wid. L. M. L.	15 00
1 Bro. R. G.	50 00
1 W. M. Lodge No. 401, Deseronto, for Wid. J. C.	20 00
1 Wid. A. C.	20 00
1 Bro. A. J.	75 00
1 Bro. W. B.	40 00
1 Wid. J. P.	40 00
1 Wid. F. P. G.	30 00
1 Bro. G. R. McL.	75 00
1 Bro. C. S.	75 00
1 Bro. H. G. B.	25 00
1 Bro. T. P.	25 00
1 Wid. M. McC.	30 00
1 Wid. W. B.	20 00
1 Wid. R. E.	15 00
1 M. W. Bro. A. A. S. for Wid. A. B., P. G. M.	50 00
1 Wid. D. C. A.	50 00

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1 Wid. J. W.	30 00
1 Wid. M. McL.	50 00
1 Bro. E. J. A., King- ston, Jamaica, donation, suffer- ers	1000 00

March

5 Wid. J. D. R.	50 00
9 Bro. A. B.	40 00
15 Widow J. W. W.	40 00
15 Mrs. W.	75 00
15 Miss W.	75 00
15 Miss H.	18 75
15 Mrs. H.	75 00

April

8 Bro. R. C.	30 00
8 Bro. W. R. S.	25 00

May

10 Wid. C. M.	50 00
	\$20,150 00

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. I.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Erie District No. I for the year ending June 24th, 1907.

I wish in the first place to express my most sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor which they have conferred upon me in electing me to the position of D. D. G. M. and for the great kindness and courtesy which has been extended to me on the occasions of my official visits, and under all circumstances when I have had the honor of representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master I have been very greatly assisted in my work by the co-operation of my predecessors wherever I have met them, and more especially so by R. W. Bros. Crumb and Worth, to whom I have repeatedly looked for council. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has been always quick to respond with his advice, while the M. W. the Grand Secretary has made my way easy by enlightening me upon many debatable points. I have visited each lodge in the District, and am very much pleased to be able to report so favorably of the work done.

Our increase numerically has been satisfactory, while at the same time watchfulness of the ballot has prevented the admission of considerable undesirable material. There has been very little to disturb the peace and harmony of the lodge rooms, and at the close of the Masonic

year I believe that throughout the District the best of Masonic feeling prevails.

I have found in some lodges great want of knowledge of the provisions of the Constitution, and in some cases even of the by-laws of the lodge. Initiates have been presented with the old Book of Constitution instead of the revised. A little study along this line on the part of officers would render unnecessary much of the correspondence between secretaries and the D. D. G. M.

I have not failed to bring to the attention of the brethren of every lodge the claim upon them of the Semi-Centennial Fund—in some instances receiving assurances that increased support would be forwarded, while in other lodges it seemed almost impossible to arouse their interest.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year:

Bro. John H. West, Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham; Bros. Harold Barnes and Wm. E. Coleman, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor; Bros. R. M. Thompson and A. Armstrong, Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim; Bro. John Fisher, Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg; Bros. F. J. Mayhew and B. Boothroyd, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Under the warrants of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, and Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, I called a Lodge of Instruction in the beautiful new Masonic Temple at Chatham on February 6th, 1907, and I have to thank the brethren of the district for the large number who responded to the call. The temple was filled to its utmost capacity and almost every lodge in the district was represented. Occupying seats in the East were such distinguished members of the Craft as R. W. Bros. Crumb, Worth, Hickey and Webster, P. D. D. G. M.'s, and R. W. Bro. Hodgins, P. G. Chaplain, besides many of the Masters and Past Masters of the District. At 2 p. m. the first degree was exemplified by Lorne Lodge, No. 282, of Glencoe, W. Bro. Foncar, Past Master, acting as Master, owing to the illness of the W. M., W. Bro. Elliott. W. Bro. Foncar deserves special thanks for coming to our assistance with only a single day's notice, thereby pre-

venting a most serious disappointment. At 5 p. m. Centurv Lodge, No. 457, of Merlin, exemplified the second degree under W. Bro. Oliver, the W. M. of the lodge, after which was held a short meeting of Past Masters, W. Masters, and Wardens. At 7.45 p. m. the lodge was opened in the third degree by Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, of Chatham, and at this stage of the proceedings I had the honor of presenting to R. W. Bro. Crumb, my immediate predecessor, on behalf of Erie District No. 1, the regalia of a Past District Deputy. The R. W. brother, on rising to respond, was most heartily greeted by the brethren, thus showing the high position he occupies as a worker and teacher in the Craft. Next followed the examination of a visitor in open lodge, R. W. Bros. Crumb and Worth acting as a Board of Examiners, and R. W. Bro. Hodgins as the visitor proved himself more than ordinarily expert in a very searching examination. The third degree was then exemplified by Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, under the guidance of W. Bro. Pike, the W. M. The work in each degree was exceedingly well done and was highly appreciated by all present. Many points were brought up for discussion, and I think it was generally conceded that as a Lodge of Instruction our gathering was a decided success. At the conclusion of the work a banquet was tendered to the visiting brethren by Wellington and Parthenon Lodges in the magnificently appointed banqueting hall adjoining the lodge room. W. Bro. Geo. Massey presided over the toast list, which brought to a close a most interesting, and I trust profitable, meeting. My most sincere thanks are due to the brethren who assisted with the work, and especially to the Wellington and Parthenon lodges for our hearty reception and most liberal entertainment.

The thanks of the brethren of the District are due to the members of the Regalia Committee, W. Bro. Miers, of Windsor Lodge, and W. Bro. Russell, of Great Western Lodge, for their labors in connection with this fund. A P. D. D. G. M.'s apron has been purchased and is now awaiting presentation to R. W. Bro. Miller, now of Hamilton, a P. D. D. G. M. of the old St. Clair District.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: Visited October 25, 1906. I made the first of my official visits to this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. John Stewart, of Thamesville.

We arrived about half an hour late and found the brethren already at work. The W. M., W. Bro. Elliott, with a most efficient staff of officers, conferred the third degree in a manner which was above criticism, and with a splendid impression upon the candidate. The lodge in every way is in a most prosperous condition, and with R. W. Bro. French at the secretary's desk there is no danger but that the business end of the work will be well looked after. Although nothing has as yet been forwarded to the Grand Secretary on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, there is a snug little sum on hand for that purpose only awaiting an early increase, which I am assured will be forthcoming before next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: Visited November 8, 1906. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Albertson and Bros. Sherman and Hubbell, of Thamesville, and had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Carscallen in his mother lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. W. L. Bedell, very ably conferred the second degree, supported by an energetic staff of officers. The Senior Deacon received well merited words of appreciation from the visiting brethren, and all the officers evinced a keen desire to excell in their work. Just a little more attention to detail will place Sydenham Lodge among the best workers in the District.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: Visited November 27, 1906. There was a small attendance, owing in part, no doubt, to the bad condition of the roads and threatening weather, the W. M. himself being among the absentees. W. Bro. Snellgrove occupied the Master's chair and opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred by W. Bro. Aitcheson, who is one of the old standbys of the lodge, and who did the work remarkably well for one not steadily in harness. It was quite evident, however, that practice has been greatly neglected of late, and there is not that enthusiasm which we find in other lodges. Hammond Lodge is at considerable disadvantage in that its members are much scattered, the W. M. living at Cairo, nine miles away, and the Secretary at Newbury, three miles distant from the lodge room. There is need of a guiding hand near by, and a great opportunity awaits the incoming W. M. The material is on hand and the brethren are whole-souled Masons, ready to give a good

account of themselves just as soon as their energy is aroused. I was glad to meet my old friend W. Bro. H. A. Wilson, in his mother lodge. He is every inch a Mason and "held in high estimation by his brethren and fellows."

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: Visited November 28, 1906. The W. M., W. Bro. Geddes, occupied his place in the East and conferred the Fellowcraft degree. My predecessor had reported perfection in the work of this lodge, and I am pleased to know that such a reputation is at present in safe hands. I was delighted with the interest and enthusiasm exhibited by the brethren, from the oldest P. M. to the Tyler. There was a free discussion of the work of each degree, more especially as to minor details, perfection being the aim of the W. M. Some misunderstandings as to the S. C. Fund having been cleared up through correspondence with the Grand Secretary the brethren expressed their intention of giving it their support.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: Visited November 30, 1906. A candidate having failed to put in an appearance the W. M., W. Bro. Campbell, opened and closed in the several degrees. There was a free discussion in each degree, and the floor work was in part exemplified, and I feel assured that the beautiful lessons of Freemasonry are properly impressed upon all candidates who are brought to light in Parvaim lodge. The lodge room is a model of perfection and the brethren take a just pride in its appearance.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: Visited December 10, 1906. I had intended visiting Kent Lodge at the November meeting, but by request postponed my visit until this date in order that I might officiate as Installing Master. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Best and Bros. Currie, Sherman and Hubbell, of Thamesville. A large number of the brethren were in attendance, with W. Bro. Pickering in the East. The lodge has since last meeting suffered a very severe loss in the sad and untimely death of the late Secretary, Bro. R. M. Thompson, who lost his life in a storm while duck shooting at Rondeau. A candidate for further advancement was in attendance, but it was thought better to devote the short time at our disposal to a discussion of the work in the several degrees. Opening and closing were very accurately done by the

retiring W. M. and the newly installed Master respectively, and great interest was manifest on the part of the Wardens and other officers of the lodge. I feel assured that the officers to whom was intrusted the government of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months will give a good account of their stewardship.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: Visited December 27, 1906. By invitation I officially visited my mother lodge to perform the duties of Installing Master. There was a good turnout of the brethren and much enthusiasm was exhibited. W. Bro. Best, the I. P. M., has greatly encouraged his junior officers in the matter of practice, and the officers-elect are therefore well qualified. I expect to give a glowing account of the work done in this lodge by W. Bro. Currie and his staff, on the occasion of my official visit in the near future. A neat little addition was subscribed toward the S. C. Fund.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited January 2, 1907. I had the very great pleasure of meeting on this occasion my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Crumb, as also R. W. Bro. Hodgins, P. G. Chaplain. Although the evening was very wet and disagreeable a large number of the brethren were in their places. The W. M., W. Bro. Pike, although suffering from the effects of an attack of la grippe, conferred the first degree in a most impressive manner. He was assisted by a most efficient staff of officers, and all the work was exceedingly well done. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees and there was a free discussion in the work of each. Not much has yet been done towards the S. C. Fund, but better things are hoped for, and I expect to find Parthenon Lodge holding a creditable place in the list when the returns are all in.

Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin: Visited January 23, 1907. There being no degree work on the W. M., W. Bro. Oliver, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and with a volunteer candidate exemplified the second degree in a manner which was very creditable to himself and to each of his officers, the Senior Deacon especially distinguishing himself, after which were discussed many minor points of the floor work. This was also the night of election of officers, and I feel assured that Bro. Neal, who was promoted to the East from the Senior Warden's chair will skilfully perform the duties

of his high office. 'This lodge is the youngest in the District and is not yet quite thoroughly equipped.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: Visited January 25, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Bailey, opened and closed in the three degrees, and the I. P. M., W. Bro. G. F. Reycroft, conferred the second degree in a very pleasing and impressive style. 'This was the first meeting after installation, and the new officers did their work very well indeed, though I do like to see the newly installed Masters put on the work themselves. A most pleasing feature of the evening was the conferring of honorary membership upon W. Bro. Henry Watson and Bro. Thos. Mickle, two of the aged members of the lodge who have so labored as to "merit the esteem and applause of the brethren." W. Bro. Watson in a very touching manner gave a brief outline of the history of the lodge, of which he was the first installed Master, and for which he has done such work in the early days as ought to stimulate all younger Masons to greater efforts.

Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: Visited January 28, 1907. The W. Master being ill, the I. P. M., W. Bro. Watt, occupied the East and conferred the third degree. The work was very well done, considering the recent date of installation, and with such practice as should be I have no doubt but that the new officers will discharge their duties in a manner worthy of the reputation of Pnyx Lodge. This lodge has not only paid a very considerable sum for relief, but has subscribed more liberally to the S. C. Fund than any other lodge in the District. A great deal of credit is due to the energetic Secretary, Bro. E. E. Parker, for the fact that there are no arrearages of dues.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: Visited January 29, 1907. Owing to a misunderstanding as to railroad connections I was unable to reach the lodge on time and was compelled to leave early. I was, however, with the brethren long enough to witness the conferring of the second degree by W. Bro. French and his officers, and to say that I was pleased with the work would hardly express the whole truth. When one considers that this was the first regular meeting after installation and that the work could hardly be improved upon, it inspires one with the wish that the provision of the Constitution as to the Master-elect being able to do all the work before be-

ing installed should be insisted upon. Every-part of the candidate thoroughly posted, and the W. M. fully alive to the fact that lessons indelibly impressed upon the mind of the candidate are chiefly important.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: Visited February 8, 1907. Accompanied by Bro. Charles Hubbell, of Thamesville, I drove to West Lorne on this date. We arrived somewhat late and found that the business part of the work had already been completed. About fifty brethren were present, including visitors, several of whom were of the Cameron Lodge, of the London District. I had the honor and very great pleasure of being introduced by R. W. Bros. Milner, P. D. D. G. M. of London District, and Webster, of Erie District. The W. M., W. Bro. Petherick, faultlessly conferred the third degree, and every officer took his part with earnestness and ability. Very appreciative and encouraging remarks were made by R. W. Bro. Milner and many other visitors.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: Visited February 22, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Bowlby, conferred the first degree with a great deal of accuracy and impressiveness, after which the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and the work of each freely discussed. Each officer deserves special mention, as every part of the work was exceedingly well done. Windsor Lodge is fortunate in having an excellent organist and many good voices, which add greatly to the beauty of the ceremonies. I was much pleased to meet here R. W. Bros. Wigle and Paine, each of whom as D. D. G. M. has done so much to bring about the satisfactory condition of Masonry in the District. Many visitors were present from Great Western and other lodges, including several of the brethren from Detroit.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: Visited February 26, 1907. In the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. Johnston ruled the lodge and conferred a first degree. The work was well done and the junior officers exhibited keen interest. This was the only lodge in the district which was not opened in the second and third degrees upon the occasion of my official visit, and as a consequence discussion of the work was very limited, the brethren joining early in a fourth degree.

Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley: Visted February 28, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Healy presiding,

conferred a second degree very creditably, this being the first meeting after his installation and therefore his first work in the East. Each officer took his part splendidly, and all that is necessary is sufficient practice to gain confidence in their abilities. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees, and the work in each discussed with an interest that proved that the brethren are determined to attain as nearly to perfection as possible. Only a small amount has as yet been forwarded for the S. C. Fund, but an effort will be made to increase it before next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: Visited March 26, 1907. A candidate for initiation having failed to put in an appearance, the W. M., W. Bro. Cullen, called for a volunteer and exemplified the first degree, after which the lodge was raised to the third degree and the whole work freely discussed. All the work was well done and the brethren evinced much interest and enthusiasm in Masonry. The lodge room is one of the finest in the district and is very beautifully furnished. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Hilliard, P. D. D. G. M., in his mother lodge.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: Visited March 28, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. F. J. Voaden, conferred the first degree and raised the lodge to the third. Three members were examined as to their proficiency in the first and each proved himself thoroughly posted. A class of eight received the lecture on the tracing board from Bro. Zimmerman, the J. W., who has no superior in the District. R. W. Bro. Allworth, P. D. D. G. M., who was for so many years the main stay of the lodge, and who is so favorably known throughout the District, was present and assisted with the work. A very satisfactory discussion followed. Altogether the work of this lodge is a credit to the District.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: Visited April 11, 1907. The sublime degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Gatfield, and his officers in such a manner as called forth many words of appreciation from visiting brethren who were present from Detroit, Amherstburg, London, and several other towns. The Deacons deserve special mention, while the Wardens and all officers work without any hesitation, though accuracy as to wording might possibly be improved upon. The

Windsor brethren have not contributed as largely to the S. C. Fund as had been expected, but I believe that a better feeling now prevails, so that with an extension of time and a D. D. G. M. with greater persuasive powers they may be relied upon to do their part. R. W. Bro. Geo. E. White, P. D. D. G. M., very ably officiates at the Secretary's desk.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: Visited April 22, 1907. Accompanied by several officers and brethren of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245. I visited Howard Lodge on this date. The W. M., W. Bro. D. G. Crawford, conferred the second degree. There was a small attendance, so that several of the offices had to be filled by P. M's. The Secretary and J. W. were in their places and are both very efficient officers. There is, however, evidence of a lack of the old-time enthusiasm for which Howard Lodge was noted. Practice has been neglected, and as a result, although each officer acquitted himself fairly well individually, there was not the smooth harmony which is so necessary of the candidate is to be properly impressed.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: Visited April 24, 1907. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Pye, of Thamesville, and was introduced to the Bothwell brethren by R. W. Bro. Hickey, P. D. D. G. M., who has long been the guiding star of the lodge. Some of the chairs were filled *pro tem* by P. M's. The sublime degree was beautifully exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Ellwood, who delivered the work in an exceptionally pleasing and impressive manner.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: Visited April 25, 1907. I am very much pleased to be able to report that this lodge during the year has taken on new activity and is now ranking as to work and enthusiasm among the best in the District. A great deal of credit is due to W. Bro. Bodkin, the I. P. M., for his untiring efforts during the past few years. R. W. Bro. Hickey, of Bothwell, has also greatly assisted the officers through his advice and co-operation. Two candidates were initiated, two others were in waiting, and three applications were read. The W. M., W. Bro. Snary, delivers the work with great accuracy, and is ably assisted by each of his officers. Perseverence in practice and careful selection and training of the brethren who are to have the future govern-

ment of the lodge are necessary, and its future prosperity is assured. Among the visiting brethren present were R. W. Bro. Park, of Oil Springs, P. D. D. G. M. St. Clair District; W. Bros. Currie, of Thamesville, and Ellwood, of Bothwell.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: Visited May 6, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Mussen, with a careful and well trained staff of officers, conferred the third degree in a manner highly creditable not only to the lodge but to the District. Each officer, from the Tyler up, seemed anxious to do his level best to make the work impressive and free from that jarring which is so noticeable when careful attention to the minor details is neglected. This is the mother lodge of R. W. Bro. Crumb, and his guiding hand is largely in evidence. I hope to see Wellington Lodge favorably mentioned in the S. C. Fund report.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Visited June 19, 1907. There was a small attendance of the members, due in part, no doubt, to the very warm weather, but several of the brethren of McColl Lodge, No. 386, including R. W. Bros. Milner and Webster, drove over from West Lorne. The W. M., W. Bro. Patterson, with his officers, among whom were several appointed *pro tem*, conferred the first degree. The lodge room was excessively hot and the circumstances not such as to inspire the workers. W. Bro. Patterson has an easy and impressive way of speaking, and the Junior Warden's charge was well delivered, but "perseverance is necessary to establish perfection," and the officers must have practice if they hope to work together in harmony and thereby fully exemplify the beautiful teachings of Freemasonry. W. Bro. Albertson, of Thamesville, accompanied me on this visit.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited June 24, 1907. On the invitation of W. Bro. Pike I visited Parthenon Lodge and installed the officers. A very pleasant evening was spent. The brethren presented to W. Bro. Pike, the I. P. M., a beautiful Past Master's apron, and expressed their high appreciation of the "skill and ability" with which he had managed the affairs of the lodge during the last twelve months. The Master-elect, W. Bro. Draper, and his officers are fully qualified for their promotion, and altogether prospects are encouraging for the ensuing Masonic year.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: Visited June 25, 1907. I reserved my official visit to my mother lodge until the end of the Masonic year, though I had several times had the privilege of witnessing the work of the officers since their installation and knew that they would acquit themselves with "honor and reputation." The W. M., W. Bro. Currie, occupied his chair in the East and raised the lodge to the third degree. A candidate for further advancement was just ready to be admitted when I was summoned to attend professionally at the deathbed of our Chaplain. Bro. Boothroyd, who was a most enthusiastic Mason, had been ill only a few days, and his sudden removal to the Grand Lodge above is a distinct loss to the Craft. Fortunately R. W. Bro. Worth, P. D. D. G. M., was in the lodge room and he very kindly consented to act for me. The evening was very warm, and a fire which destroyed the G. T. R. depot in the village greatly interrupted the proceedings and altogether a less favorable opportunity for putting on good work could hardly be imagined. R. W. Bro. Worth, however, reports to me that in the main it was well done. W. Bro. Currie was deliberate, calm, impressive and dignified, and he deserved credit for the manner in which he concluded his duties under such trying circumstances. The R. W. brother pointed out the importance of careful attention to detail and accuracy as to wording, and complimented the brethren on the prosperous condition of the lodge.

In conclusion I have only to say that my constant aim has been to fulfil the duties of my high office to the utmost of my ability. Wherein I have failed it has been through incompetency and not from lack of good intention. While the work has at times been very hard and done at no little personal sacrifice, yet it has been such as I shall always look back to with a good deal of pleasure and with a knowledge that I, myself at least, have been greatly benefited through my personal contact with the brethren.

R. N. FRASER, D. D. G. M.,

Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

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ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District No. 2 during the past year, I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation to the brethren of the district for their confidence in electing me to the high office of D. D. G. M.

I also desire to thank the brethren for their kindness and courtesy shown me on every occasion during my visits, which have been a source of great pleasure to me in every instance.

I have urged upon the brethren throughout the District their duty in respect to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and have asked their earnest co-operation regarding the same. I also desire to thank R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt for his kind assistance in this worthy object, and who spoke on so many occasions at different parts of the District.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the past year: Bro. Frank Harrison, Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy; Bro. John Shaw, Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest; Bro. Henry Gough, Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier; W. Bro. Humphrey Badge, St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges; W. Bro. David Trotter, Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia. W. Bro. Trotter was one of the charter members of Washington Lodge, No. 260, and one who took a very active part in the work in the early history of this lodge.

I have visited each lodge in the District and found the work very uniform and the Worshipful Masters and other officers thoroughly competent, and Masonry for this reason throughout the District is forging ahead, and each Lodge striving to become more proficient in every detail.

A Lodge of Instruction was held in Sarnia on the afternoon and evening of March 12th, 1907, under the auspices of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, and Tuscan Lodge,

No. 437, of Sarnia. The attendance was all that could be desired, it being the largest gathering ever held in the District, every lodge in the District being represented. We were especially honored with having R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, the Deputy Grand Master, with us on that occasion, also R. W. Bro. Alex. K. Wanless, Grand Junior Warden; V. W. Bro. Geo. S. Mitten, Assistant Grand Secretary, and the following R. W. brethren: R. W. Bros. D. F. Macwatt, Alex. Saunders, George Sutherland, A. Weir, S. T. Cornell, John Sinclair, B. F. George, A. W. Parks, also a number of other prominent Masons from different points of the District. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Bateman and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges. The second degree by W. Bro. Alex. Joss and officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia. The work in each of these degrees was practically faultless, and many were the complimentary remarks which were deservedly bestowed. In the evening the third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Thos. Montgomery and officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia. This degree was conferred in a very correct and impressive manner and under great difficulties, as the lodge room was so filled that very little floor space was left. The degree was given together with a choir of sixteen voices, and great credit is due the brethren for the fine manner in which they conducted every detail. The work evoked deserved and generous praise from all the brethren, and many of the visiting brethren expressed themselves as having thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful work and valuable instruction. After the proceedings of the lodge were over the Sarnia brethren entertained all the brethren to a most sumptuous repast at the Hotel Northern, and it would be needless to say they are right royal entertainers.

Owing to the great care and efficient manner in which my predecessors have performed their duties the work throughout the District is uniform and highly creditable to this District as well as to Grand Lodge.

During the evening at Lodge of Instruction a P. D. D. G. M. regalia was presented to P. D. D. G. M. S. E. Cornell by Deputy Grand Master A. T. Freed, on behalf of our District, as a token of the high esteem and deep appreciation in which he is held by all the brethren. R. W. Bro. Cornell made a suitable reply and thanked the brethren in his usual kind and courteous manner.

On December 28, 1906, I paid my first official visit to Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier. W. Bro. F. B. Elliott and officers conferred the second degree in a very able manner. The Secretary, Bro. H. Lowe, is faithful in his duties, and the books are kept in a very neat manner. After lodge a social hour was spent around the festive board.

On January 22, 1907, I visited Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, of Sarnia, and W. Bro. B. P. Corey, of Petrolia. W. Bro. F. B. Kenward conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner, and the other officers were also well skilled. Found the books in very good condition and Secretary D. Watt deserves due credit. We enjoyed a social hour at a banquet at Roche House after the proceedings.

On January 24th, 1907, I visited Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright, and was accompanied by W. Bro. J. C. Waddell, of Petrolia. There being no regular work on W. Bro. Wm. Brown opened and closed in the three degrees in a highly creditable manner. The Secretary, F. J. Tully, is deserving of praise for the correct manner in which he has conducted his arduous duties.

On January 29th, 1907, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges. W. Bro. Bateman and officers conferred the third degree in an exceptionally correct manner, and in fact all the officers deserve great praise, as they are all competent in their several parts. W. Bro. Jas. Gamble and Bro. C. F. Colter accompanied me on this occasion. St. John's Lodge is in exceptionably good financial standing, and the Secretary, W. Bro. T. C. West, is the right man in the right place.

On February 1st, 1907, I visited Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy. W. Bro. B. P. Corey, of Petrolia, accompanied me. W. Bro. J. H. Argue and officers conferred the second degree in an excellent manner. They have had a very prosperous year and the prospects are very bright for the future. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, the Secretary, conducts his work in a manner to be beyond criticism.

On February 25th, 1907, I visited Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford. W. Bro. Bailey and officers conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge is prospering, and R. W. Bro. Sutherland still takes

a very great interest in the work. The books are kept in a very correct manner. We afterwards spent a pleasant evening around the banquet table.

On February 26th, 1907, I visited Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest. W. Bro. Kent and officers conferred the second degree very efficiently, and special mention may be made of the work of the Senior Warden, Bro. G. A. Walters. The Secretary, Bro. P. W. Campbell, has his work done in a very capable manner. After the lodge work we had a very pleasant evening around the festive board.

On February 28th, 1907, I visited Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona. There being no regular work on, P. M. W. Bro. Thoman opened and closed in the three degrees, and I found the officers quite competent in their several duties. Bro. F. Nelson, the Secretary, attends to his duties in a capable manner. We were entertained with a sumptuous repast in the lodge room after the work was over.

On March 19th, 1907, I visited Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne. This lodge was dormant for a number of years, but is now going ahead, and I feel satisfied, from the enthusiasm of the members present, that they will soon be in excellent condition. Owing to sickness of the W. M., P. M. W. Bro. Campbell opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers are quite proficient and all seem greatly interested in the work. The Secretary, W. Bro. Hagerty, fulfils his arduous duties very efficiently. We spent a pleasant hour after lodge proceedings with a fourth degree.

On March 22nd, 1907, I visited St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra. W. Bro. Wm. Stover and officers conferred the first degree in a very correct and impressive manner. All the officers are fully competent in the discharge of their duties. They are a very enthusiastic lodge and a fine lot of fellows, and are certainly the very best of entertainers. The Secretary, Bro. W. E. Stewart, does his work in a manner to deserve the highest praise from his brethren.

On March 27th, 1907, I visited Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston. On this occasion they were dedicating their new lodge rooms, and the ceremony was conducted by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt. After the dedication was over W. Bro. J. E. Warner and officers conferred the

first degree in the most efficient and impressive manner, and deserved the many complimentary remarks which were so freely made. R. W. Bro. A. W. Parks, from Oil Springs, and R. W. Bro. Sinclair, of Petrolia, as well as a number of other brethren from Petrolia and other sister lodges were present. After the lodge work was over we were entertained right royally in a banqueting room adjoining the lodge. This is R. W. Bro. J. B. Martyn's mother lodge, and he is a very enthusiastic Mason, and the working of the lodge demonstrates the great interest he has taken in the work. They have the finest and most commodious lodge room in the district, and the brethren of Alvinston are deserving of great praise for their untiring efforts. The Secretary, W. Bro. W. E. Germain, is a careful painstaking officer, and leaves nothing undone.

On March 29th, 1907, I visited Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie. W. Bro. T. Crawford and officers conferred the first degree in a very capable manner, all officers being well qualified to take their several parts with great credit. R. W. Bro. Trussler was present (this being his mother lodge) and made a very impressive address to the brethren. The Secretary, W. Bro. A. Trussler, is the right man in the right place. We had a very enjoyable banquet after the lodge work.

On April 24th, 1907, I visited Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden. A number of the Petrolia brethren accompanied me on this visit. W. Bro. J. McDonald and officers conferred the third degree in an excellent manner, his rendering being very impressive to the candidate. The other officers were also capable. Bro. W. J. Brownlee has his books in a manner that left nothing to be desired. We were royally entertained by the brethren after the work was over.

On April 25th, 1907, I visited Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming. Owing to there being no regular work on W. Bro. Chappell and officers opened and closed in the three degrees and proved themselves to be highly efficient. A number of Petrolia brethren were present, also Bro. T. Fred. Corey, of Georgina Lodge, Toronto. R. W. Bro. R. Coghlan, the Secretary, fulfils his duties in a manner to deserve the greatest of praise. After the work was over we were entertained in the lodge room to a banquet, and spent a very pleasant hour in speech and song.

On May 2nd, 1907, I visited Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs. W. Bro. Shortt and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner, and his rendering was very impressive. The other officers were fully competent in every particular and shows the great care they have taken to become so highly proficient in the work. This is R. W. Bro. A. W. Park's home lodge, and he is certainly a very enthusiastic Mason, and in the remarks by different brethren of his lodge was given unstinted praise for the great interest he has taken in the work. The Secretary, W. Bro. Duggan, might be equalled, but I'm sure could not be beaten. He has everything in the most efficient manner. They had four applications in the evening I was present, and they have a bright future ahead. We spent a very pleasant hour after the work, doing ample justice to the fourth degree. A number of Petrolia brethren accompanied me on this visit.

On May 29th, 1907, I visited our Petrolia lodges, and the brethren thought it wise to hold a joint meeting and have my visit on the one night, to which they sent an invitation to all the lodges in the District. A large number of brethren were present from different lodges, and our lodge rooms were more than comfortably filled. We had the pleasure of the company of two brethren from far distant Australia, who were visiting with friends in town. W. Bro. J. C. Waddell and officers of Washington Lodge, No. 260, conferred the first degree in a highly efficient and accomplished manner, which evoked much deserved praise from the visiting brethren. Bro. Dr. C. F. Colter filled the office of Junior Warden in the absence of Bro. T. C. Chatterton, who has taken up his residence in Cobourg. He delivered the lecture in a manner to bring forth well deserved praise. The other officers were fully qualified in every way to discharge their duties in a manner that left no room for criticism. The officers of Petrolia lodge then opened and closed in the three degrees. Owing to the absence of the W. M., who was taken suddenly ill, P. M. W. Bro. C. F. Reid was called on to take the chair, and great credit is due to him for the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties on such a short notice. The other officers fulfilled their duties in a very efficient manner and were also complimented by the visiting brethren. R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt then

gave a short address regarding the Semi-Centennial Fund, and the brethren were very much impressed, and I feel satisfied that great benefit will derive from his remarks. After the lodge closed we were entertained at the Fletcher House with a sumptuous banquet, after which a very pleasant evening was spent in speech and song.

In conclusion I wish again to thank the brethren of the District for their kindly assistance, and especially those who so kindly accompanied me on so many different occasions. I can bespeak for my successor the same warm kindness that was extended to me on every occasion.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

STEWART McWHORTER, D.D.G.M.,
St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.				
			Mem- bership	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.										ings held.														
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia,	206	7	1	8	5	9	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	13	14	27	30	119	50	4	\$ 44	75	Dec. 24, '06	Good	Excellent	Yes	Yes
81	St. John s.	N. Brydges....	90	11	5	11	10	10	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	14	27	30	60	00	12	50	00	June 24, '06	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	\$200 00
83	Beaver	Sarnia,	117	13	2	13	10	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	14	27	30	20	00	8	20	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	42	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	12	15	00	3	20	00	June 24, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	97	3	3	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	13	13	.....	5	100	00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
158	Alexandra.	Oil Springs...	59	4	3	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	2	10	14	.....	18	68	18	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	2900 00	
194	Petrolia....	Petrolia.....	82	2	2	2	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	13	12	10	00	13	78	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	241 66
238	Havelock....	Watford.....	70	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	13	13	15	5	00	4	50	00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
260	Washingh.	Petrolia.....	108	8	7	4	5	6	1	3	3	3	3	1	12	6	13	15	.....	23	90	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	250 00		
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	75	3	8	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	11	17	30	10	00	21	51	00	June 24, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
294	Moore.....	Contraught....	44	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	2	11	16	.....	9	59	50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	41	5	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	18	5	00	8	97	30	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00	
323	Alvinston..	Alvinston.....	72	6	4	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	16	20	00	10	57	00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
328	Ionie.....	Napier.....	30	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	3	14	12	.....	5	10	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	250 00		
364	Dufferin....	Melbourne.....	36	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	16	38	00	7	107	00	Jan'y, 1907	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes	
392	Huron.....	Cambridge.....	68	7	7	7	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	15	15	10	00	33	178	25	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
397	Leopold....	Brigden.....	66	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	10	10	15	15	10	00	12	75	00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes	
419	Bismark....	Pt. Edward.....	81	4	6	3	3	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	12	12	14	10	.....	21	129	90	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	3100 00		
425	St. Clair...	Sombra.....	73	5	5	5	4	4	1	1	2	3	1	1	11	12	14	10	.....	21	129	90	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00		
437	Tusean.....	Sarnia.....	147	13	13	13	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	8	18	30	35	00	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL, SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have much pleasure in placing before your notice this report on the condition of Masonry in London Masonic District No. 3. This, I presume, will prove to be the most difficult part of my year's labor, for while, on the one hand, each lodge will want as much space as possible devoted to them I have, on the other hand, to meet the Committee on Printing with the perpetual warning, "Cut it short."

As soon as possible after assuming the duties of office I wrote the Secretary of each lodge asking that a copy of all lodge notices be sent me, as provided by the Constitution, but which as a rule is not adhered to by some lodges, my request has been generously complied with promptly. I must add my firm belief that there is no greater incentive to a good attendance at our lodge meetings than that of issuing the notices regularly to each and every member whether there is to be any special business transacted or not. This rule should be fully complied with, as it keeps the District Deputy at all times fully posted on the workings of each lodge in his district.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district once, which is 26, and some twice, in order that I might be in touch with the general working of the Craft, and I have to report that the condition of Masonry in London District is excellent. The lodges are governed by capable Masters, who are well supported by tried and trusted Past Masters and by faithful and efficient officers. The attendance at meetings has been good, and the zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry appears ever to be on the increase. The beautiful ritual of the Grand Lodge has been exemplified with marked ability and careful attention to details; each lodge seems to vie with each other in the correctness of their work.

I brought before each lodge the great object of the Semi-Centennial Fund and urged the members upon the great importance of this fund. I am pleased to report that I have been met with good promises in regard to this fund, and if carried out will result in generous returns to Grand Lodge. I hope soon to see London District in the proud position of having fully paid up its allotment to this fund.

During my term of office the following deaths have been reported to me: John Jelly, Past Master of Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville; Hon. David Glass, K. C., Past Master Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London; F. B. Talbot, Past Master Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station; R. W. Bro. John Dewar, St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, Past Grand Junior Warden; John Lee, Nilestone Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown, and John Hobbs, Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale. The brethren were interred with Masonic honors.

Each and every lodge seem to vie with each other in preparing banquets and good time generally.

Now, in laying down the gavel of office I do so with a sigh of relief, but with regret that I have not been able to spend more time among my brethren for the good of Masonry.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness, of which I have been the happy recipient, and I surrender the gavel with mingled gladness and regret. The former, because I feel I am able to transfer to my successor a very satisfactory state of the Craft; harmony seems to prevail in every lodge in this influential district. The latter, because of the official parting with my brethren at whose hands I have received so many acts of kindness, so many words of cheer and comfort, and for my successor in this sacred trust I bespeak a repetition of what has been extended to me.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: Following in the line of my predecessors my first official visit was paid to this lodge on October 4th, 1906. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present. Was loyally received. All the officers were in their respective chairs. The W. M., W. Bro. Johnston, and the officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates very creditably. The rendering of the lecture

by the Junior Warden was perfect, being given with a great deal of ease and correctness. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Slater, is very careful and competent, and receives great credit from his lodge for his untiring energy in keeping the lodge books in such good shape. There is a good attendance of Past Masters at the regular meetings, which is a great assistance. The outlook of this lodge is very bright. Attendance is large and harmony prevails. The work in this lodge is ably looked after by R. W. Bros. Dubber, Dr. Guest and Henry Roe.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont: Visited this lodge on the evening of October 26th, 1906, accompanied by W. Bro. Thomas Abbott, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford. There was a large attendance of their own members and a number of visitors from Nilestown, London and Springfield. The W. M., W. Bro. J. F. Turner, and his officers exemplified the third degree on one candidate. This being the first time the W. M. did the work in the third degree, there were a few slight errors, which I corrected, otherwise the work was done well. Quite an arrearage of dues, however, but the Secretary assured me that they would be all paid up soon. They own their own hall and have it nicely furnished and insured. Financial standing good and prospects bright.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: Visited this lodge October 30th, 1906. There was a good attendance for a small lodge, about 25 of their own members being present, and a large number of visitors from Belmont, Dorchester and London. The W. M., W. Bro. Fred. Burton, and his officers opened the lodge in the third degree. The W. M. then handed the gavel over to P. M. W. Bro. Wallace, who exemplified the third degree on one candidate in a very efficient manner, and was highly commended by the brethren. This lodge has a good staff of officers. W. Bro. Fred. Barrows makes a competent Secretary; books are well kept. They own their own hall, room well furnished and insured. Financial standing good and future prospects bright.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: Visited this Lodge October 31st, 1906. There was a large attendance of members and a number of visitors from Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, and McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne. There being no work on the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Patton and his officers exemplified the first degree to

show me how they did their work, which was done in a very efficient manner. The lecture given by the Junior Warden was very impressive. The charge in the Book of Constitution was given by the W. M. in splendid form. The W. M. then raised the lodge and closed down correctly. I must say the lodge has an able staff of officers. W. Bro. Barnum is a very efficient Secretary and keeps his books in perfect order. They rent their lodge room, but own their furniture, which is well insured. No other society meets in the same room. There is in this lodge, as in most other lodges, an arrearage of dues. The Secretary assured me he would do his utmost to get them collected in as soon as possible. The members are enthusiastic and the lodge is prosperous in every way.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: Visited this lodge November 1st, 1906. There was a good attendance of the members and visitors. The W. M. of this lodge, W. Bro. F. Mercer, has taken up his residence in Toronto, hence was not present. The chair was ably filled by the I. P. M., W. Bro. Tanner, who with the officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates, which was done in a creditable manner. Bro. Ellis is a very efficient Secretary, and books are well kept and dues well paid up. The officers of this lodge are up-to-date. Financial standing good, and is very prosperous.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London: Visited this lodge November 6th, 1906. There was a large turnout of the members and visitors present. The W. M., W. Bro. Johnston, and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates, which was creditably done. The W. M. was so nervous that he could not impress the work on the candidates as well as it should have been done; however, it was done very correctly. This lodge has lots of work on. W. Bro. Simpson, Secretary, is a good officer, and the right man in the right place. Books are well kept and financial standing good; prospects bright. There can be no fear of Corinthian Lodge.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London: Visited this lodge December 13th, 1906. As this was their regular meeting and the election of officers and my visit, there was a large attendance of members and visitors on this occasion. The election of officers was soon over and satisfactory. The W. M., W. Bro. McDugall, examined two candidates for passing and opened the lodge in the

second degree and exemplified the same on the two candidates in a perfect manner. Bro. Nicholl, the Secretary, keeps his books in good shape, the dues being fairly well collected. This is a fine working lodge. R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery and V. W. Bro. Davis and a number of other Past Masters all take a great interest in Masonry. My report on this lodge is good.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: Visited this lodge January 8th, 1907. The brethren of this lodge always accord the visitors a hearty welcome, and on the occasion of my visit they loyally received me with the Grand Honors. There was a good attendance and several visitors from St. Thomas. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Jackson, and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree on one candidate, and as this was the first work the new officers had since being installed on the 27th December the degree was correctly and very efficiently performed. The W. M. did his work very impressively indeed; in fact, all of the officers should be complimented for the manner in which they do their work. Bro. Mitchell, the Secretary, is a new officer, and I have no doubt but that he will make a capable Secretary. There are a number of the brethren of this lodge whose occupation calls them a long distance from the lodge, and who do not remit their dues promptly. This accounts for so much back arrearages. They rent their hall, but own their own furniture, which they have insured. Prospects for this lodge are excellent.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth: Visited this lodge January 23rd, 1907. There was a good number of the members our and several visitors from other lodges. There being no work on, I requested the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, which he did satisfactorily. Bro. Harry Pool is a very efficient Secretary. Books well kept, dues fairly paid up. This lodge has a good membership and own their own hall, which is free of debt. They have repainted it and fitted the downstairs part for public purposes, which brings them in a nice little revenue. The lodge room has been given a thorough renovating and has a splendid appearance, thus making it one of the best up-to-date of the country lodges in the District. Insured for \$1,200.00. I beg to report this lodge in a very prosperous condition.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: I officially

visited this lodge on January 16th, 1907. There were about 30 members present, including visitors from Aylmer and Dorchester Station. As this was an emergency meeting, called for the purpose of my official visit, there was no work on, all the officers being present except the Senior Warden, whose chair was filled by one of the Past Masters. At my request the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees very correctly. This lodge had a membership of 28 when I visited them. Since then they have had good success, as seven new names came in which proved good material. I again visited them at an emergent meeting on May 29th, 1907, for the purpose of witnessing the officers exemplifying the third degree on two candidates. The attendance on this occasion was small. W. Bro. John Campbell, P. M. of this lodge, was ably assisted by the proper officers, and the work was very correctly and efficiently done. The brethren rent the lodge room in which they meet. They have a small surplus on hand. Dues well paid up. Financial standing good. Prospects bright for the future of Moffat Lodge, No. 399.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station: Visited this lodge January 24th, 1907. There was a large turnout of the members and visitors from Thamesford, Niles-town and Thorndale. The W. M., W. Bro. Chas. Hunt, and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree upon a candidate, which was done very well. Then the W. M. opened the lodge to the third degree and closed, which was done good. The officers in this lodge are all good live Masons for work and pride themselves on their lodge and work. About a year ago they refitted their lodge room with gas light and gave it a good coat of paint and paper, which added very much to its appearance. Bro. Canning makes a good Secretary, looks well after the books. Dues all paid up. This lodge has taken a new lease of life within the last few years and is now booming. Merrill lodge, for a small membership, may be noted for the attention and care they give to the widows and afflicted brethren in granting them relief. Financial standing good. No fear for the future of Merrill Lodge, No. 344.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: Visited this lodge January 29th, 1907. As this lodge is about six miles from St. Thomas I was accompanied by R. W. Bro.

Henry Rowe, R. W. Bro. Fred. Guest, and 20 other members from St. Thomas. When I got there I found a goodly number of members of Warren Lodge, No. 120, present. After waiting till about 9 o'clock for the W. M. to come, but never came, the chair was taken by Past Master Norman, who opened the lodge to the third degree and exemplified same on one candidate, which was done in a faultless manner. They own their lodge room and have it well insured. This lodge has a good membership and prospects are bright.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station: Visited this lodge February 1st, 1907, accompanied by a number of brethren from St. Thomas to Iona Station. Then we had a drive of five miles out to Lawrence Station, where the lodge is held. The W. M., W. Bro. Widdifield, and his officers opened the lodge and then received me with the Grand Honors. There were only 14 members present, some of them visitors. As there was no work to do I requested the W. M. to open the lodge in the second and third degrees, which he did, and then closed down correctly. They held the banquet at Iona Station, 60 members, including visiting members from St. Thomas, Fingal and Dutton, being present. The night was well spent to the interest of the craft. This lodge has a membership of 45. Dues all paid up. They rent the room they meet in, but own their furniture, which is insured for \$100.00. There seems to be a lack of attendance in this lodge. They do not hold their meetings regularly. The brethren are contemplating on moving their place of meeting to Iona Station, where they would have a better attendance, as most of the brethren live there. Financial standing good.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: Visited this lodge February 4th, 1907. There was a fair attendance of the members and visiting brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. J. B. McKillop, owing to the death of his father, was absent. The I. P. M., W. Bro. Dr. English, ably looked after the Master's work. The Wardens and other officers were in their respective places. The acting W. M. and officers initiated one candidate, and the work was very creditable. The Junior Warden's lecture was also given well. W. Bro. McKillop invited me to pay them another visit, which I did at an emergent meeting April 10th, 1907. W. Bro. McKillop and his staff of officers

exemplified the second degree on three candidates. The work was done correctly and in an excellent manner, and the work was so toned as to make it very impressive on the candidate. The Senior Warden's lecture and the charge were each given in such an efficient manner as to bring forth many comments from the brethren. The lodge was then raised to the third degree and closed down correctly. This lodge claims credit for doing first-class work, and from what I saw on the occasion of my visit I must say their claim is fully justified. They have an excellent staff of officers, and their prospects are very bright. At the close of the evening's work an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where Tuscan exemplified the fourth degree satisfactorily.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London: Visited this lodge February 11th, 1907. The attendance was very large on this occasion. W. Bro. Cottam and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates, and the work certainly reflected great credit on the W. M. and his officers. The lecture given by the Junior Warden brought forth many comments, and also the charge given by W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, P. M. The W. M., at my request, opened the lodge in the second and third degrees and closed down correctly. Bro. J. Ward is a very efficient Secretary; books are well kept. The Past Masters are always ready to assist and take part in the work. This lodge has a large membership and is in a strong position, and Masonry is well looked after in Union Lodge, No. 380.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: Visited this lodge February 25th, 1907, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. A. Tancock, P. D. D. G. M.; Capt. Tom Robson, P. D. D. G. M., and several other brethren from the different lodges of the city of London. There was a fair attendance of their own members, and a number of visitors from Lucan, Lobo and Bryanston. There being no work on, at my request the W. M., W. Bro. Bowey, opened the lodge to the third degree and closed down correctly. I am assured from the manner that the W. M. and his officers opened and closed the lodge that they can do work creditably and satisfactorily. They rent the rooms they meet in and own the furniture; insured for \$200.00. Books fairly well kept. If this lodge would hold their meetings more promptly there is no doubt that they would

have a better attendance and get the dues in more regularly. Financial standing fair, with fairly bright prospects.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer: Visited this lodge February 27th, 1907. There was a good attendance of the members and visiting brethren from Pt. Burwell. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the third degree in splendid manner. This lodge has a splendid room, elegantly furnished and well insured. There were a large number of Past Masters present on the occasion of my visit. This is a first-class working lodge. Everything in connection with the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: Visited this lodge March 8th, 1907. There was a large attendance of the members and visiting brethren from the other sister lodges, and 68 brethren from Galt who came up on a special train accompanied by R. W. Bro. Cowan, P. D. D. G. M., of Wellington District No. 7. R. W. Bros. J. A. Tancock and E. T. Essery, P. D. D. G. M's, were also present. The W. M., W. Bro. C. Firth, and his officers exemplified the third degree on one candidate in the presence of 250 brethren, in what is known as the Irish work, in their well known style, showing considerable ability. The books are nicely kept by the Secretary, J. E. Keenleyside. At the close of the evening's work an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, and after all had done justice to the inner man two hours were given to speeches, songs and recitations, and closed 'mid ringing cheers for the Grand Lodge of Canada after the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: Visited this lodge March 21st, 1907. I was accompanied from London with 75 members of the several lodges of the city. There were 20 lodges represented of this District present at this meeting, among the visitors being R. W. Bros. J. A. Tancock, E. T. Esserv, Fred. Guest, Dubber and Henry Roe, P. D. D. G. M's. The W. M., W. Bro. Hon-singer, and officers exemplified the first degree on one candidate in a faultless manner. The degree was worked so perfect that there was not anything to criticize. The rendition of the Junior Warden's lecture was very impressively given. In short, the officers of this lodge did the best work that I witnessed in the District, and which brought forth many comments from the large number of

visitors present. Bro. Fred. Lewis, Secretary, is a competent officer. Books kept nicely, and is very prompt in the discharge of his duties. They rent the room in which they meet, but own the furniture, which is insured for \$600.00. The room is elegantly equipped. After the lodge closed all adjourned to the banquet room, where about 300 sat down to a sumptuous spread, and after ample justice had been done to the inner man W. Bro. Honsinger called the brethren to order, when speeches, songs and recitations were in order. I might say it was one of the most pleasant events that could be given to the interest of the Craft, and closed by the singing of Auld Lang Syne, God Save the King, and cheers for the Grand Lodge of Canada. My report on this lodge is good.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston: Visited this lodge March 27th, 1907. The roads were very bad, hence there was a small attendance. There being no work on, I requested the W. M. to open up to the third degree and close down, which was done correctly. I satisfied myself that this lodge can do work well. The Secretary, Bro. Alex. Grant, keeps the books in good shape. The brethren informed me that they would have some work on soon and asked me to make them another visit if possible. The financial standing of this lodge is good and prospects fair.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware: Visited this lodge March 29th, 1907. I was accompanied from London by R. W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, P. D. D. G. M., of Wilson District No. 6. Attendance not large on account of the poor state of the roads. The W. M., W. Bro. Rook, exemplified the second degree on two candidates, which was done well. The Senior Warden gave his lecture splendidly and with good expression. A little closer attention to the floor work by the junior officers would give the work more of a finish. Secretary Bro. Harker sees that the books are well kept. They own their hall and they have their room nicely furnished and insured. The Past Masters take a lively interest in the lodge affairs, which speaks prosperity for Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: Visited this lodge April 19, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Walker, and his officers exemplified the second degree on three candi-

dates in a very correct and impressive manner, and at my request the W. M. opened the lodge to the third degree and closed down very correctly. I am convinced that Masonry is well worked in old 64. The Secretary, Bro. Glover, makes a very efficient officer. This lodge is strong and in a prosperous condition.

Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: Visited this lodge April 23rd, 1907. There was a large turnout of the brethren and visitors from Thamesford, London and Bryanston. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. R. L. Guest, P. D. D. G. M., and received with Grand Honors. The W. M., W. Bro. A. Weston, and his officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates fairly well. I criticized the work some, pointed out a few errors, and corrected the same. They said my visit was a profit to them. I had the honor to present the retiring W. M., W. Bro. McCutcheon, with a Past Master's jewel. This lodge is booming, and has a membership of 48. W. Bro. Wright makes a capable Secretary and sees that the brethren pay up their dues well. Keeps books in good shape. They own their hall and have their room well furnished and insured. Financial standing good. I report prospects good for Mt. Olivet.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: Visited this lodge May 14th, 1907. There was a large number of the brethren of this lodge and visiting members of other lodges present on the occasion of my official visit. The W. M., W. Bro. McIntosh, and his officers exemplified the first degree, in what is known as the Irish work, in first-class style. The officers are well up in their respective duties. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, is a very efficient officer. This is the wealthiest lodge in the district, with assets of \$5,000.00, and has good prospects for the future. At the close of the evening's work an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where a large number exemplified the fourth degree to their own satisfaction.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: As this is my own lodge, at whose meetings I am usually present when at home, I made my official visit on May 22, 1907. There was a large turnout of the members and visiting brethren from London, Ingersoll, St. Thomas, Nilestown, Thorndale, Dorchester and Embro. The W. M., W. Bro. Thos. Abbott, and the officers exemplified the

first degree on one candidate in a very fair manner. The J. W., Bro. M. Cowper, delivered the lecture in the south very good. Afterwards the lodge was opened and closed in the other degrees in good form. W. Bro. John S. Robinson is a very efficient Secretary and keeps his books in first-class shape. The lodge owns the building in which they meet, which comprises lodge room, banquet hall and residence, and the lodge is a prosperous one. Financial standing good. Insurance \$1,500.00.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo: Visited this lodge May 23rd, 1907, this being my last official visit in the district. I was accompanied by W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, of Union Lodge, No. 380, London, and W. Bros. A. U. Buchner and Cox, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64. There was a good turnout of the members and visiting brethren from other lodges. There being no work on, the W. M., V. W. Bro. Graham, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, which was very well done. The work was performed correctly, but the officers appeared to be a little nervous. They have a membership of 37, but there are too many members in arrears of dues; one-third of the members are back more than one year in their dues. I advised the Secretary, Bro. P. L. Graham, M. D., who is a capable and efficient officer, to make an extra effort to collect the outstanding dues. They own their hall, and the room in which they meet is well furnished and well insured. Financial standing good, and prospects fair.

R. F. O'NEIL, D. D. G. M.,

London District No. 3.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report to Grand Lodge on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District No. 4, for the Masonic year 1906-1907. I wish first to thank the brethren of the district for electing me to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M. The work in connection with the office has in only one instance been arduous and somewhat annoying, caused by the action of a Master Mason insisting on violating the Constitution to suit a personal end, otherwise at all times exceedingly pleasant. Two lodges I found suffering from the evil of misusing the ballot, injuring the lodge and the efficiency of a staff of excellent officers in both. I am glad to report that the steps taken by myself have proved to be of value and that perfect harmony at present exists. Only two lodges in the District, Nos. 84 and 170, are not in sympathy with the S. C. Fund, and I had not a proper opportunity to bring it before the members, but did so with the Masters, and it is hard to understand their position, as they believe in assisting brethren who are in need. Both lodges are in good financial circumstances.

I have visited each lodge once, and several twice, the second being fraternal and on account of being Past Masters' night. The work presented to me was very gratifying and reflected much credit on the officers. I only had occasion to severely criticise one officer, and he an Inner Guard. After I had explained his work, and even illustrated it for him, I advised the lodge that unless he improved to drop him from filling any office.

I have found the dues in all the lodges fairly well paid up and the arrearages small. Insurance carried. All the lodge rooms commodious and comfortable, the majority being expensively fitted out. Masonry is on the increase, and the lodges are careful of the material

selected. I also advised the lodges to be careful of joining members and to make close enquiry of all such.

The Grand Master has been pleased to grant a dispensation for a new lodge in the village of Granton.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

I beg to present my report on the fraternal dead in District No. 4, as supplied me from the various lodges, whose kindly faces will be sadly missed: Bro. C. C. Hall, September 4th, 1906, New Dominion Lodge, No. 205; Bro. W. B. Puddecombe, September 12, 1906, New Dominion Lodge, No. 205; Bro. Jas. Clark, Maitland Lodge, No. 33; Bro. Capt. Norman McLeod, Britannia Lodge, No. 170; Bro. P. Z. Doan, Clinton Lodge, No. 84, a member of this lodge for 49 years; R. W. Bro. Wm. White, P. D. D. G. M. of South Huron, February 19th, 1907, Britannia Lodge, No. 170; Bro. C. Rankin, February 26, 1907, Stratford Lodge, No. 332; Bro. M. Campbell, Britannia Lodge, No. 170; Bro. J. B. Meyler, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144; Bro. J. Steele, Britannia Lodge, No. 170.

VISITS.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332: November 12, 1906. I made my first official visit in the District to this lodge. The evening was a regular meeting and there was a large turnout of the brethren and a fair number of visitors. Among the visiting brethren were R. W. Bros. C. McLellan, Mooney, Malcolm and McKellor, W. Bro. Deacon presiding. At my request the third degree was exemplified, the candidate passing a splendid examination, repeating his obligation and explaining the working tools. The lodge was opened on time, and everything connected with the work was in perfect order. The candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. in a most efficient and impressive manner. I was under the impression the officers were experienced in this work, and was most agreeably surprised to learn it was their first attempt to work a degree. Every officer in this lodge deserves the highest commendation for the perfectness in which they performed every part of the evening's work. I was given to understand this lodge had paid their proportion to the S. C. Fund. The fourth degree was commenced at 10 p. m., consisting of the usual Masonic toasts interspersed with music and songs. The toast list was

handled in a new way to me. The W. M. announced the toast and the toast was introduced by a brother, who in no way touched on the responsive. He would then call on a brother to respond. The evening came to a close before 12 o'clock.

Milverton Lodge, U. D.: November 17, 1906. I paid an unofficial visit to this lodge, driving about 23 miles to do so, and was accompanied by District Secretary R. C. Puddicombe. I made this visit with a view to becoming acquainted with the brethren and finding out any of their needs. This lodge is working U. D., and I found their W. M., W. Bro. Livingston, had recently removed to Port Rowan, leaving the lodge without a Master, there being no Past Master a member. I placed the lodge under the direction of the S. W., Bro. Lederman, who is well up in his work and qualified to fill the vacancy, and will be ably assisted by the J. W., Bro. Hutchison. The work of conferring degrees is done by W. M's from Stratford, Elmira and Listowel. I found the Junior Warden well skilled, who gave me the tracing board of an E. A. in a masterly manner. The members, I found, were ambitious in the work. I had to answer a large number of questions, and strongly advised them to be careful of the material they accepted for membership.

Milverton Lodge, U. D.: May 9, 1907. I officially visited this lodge on the above date, arriving early so as to be of value if necessary before the lodge opened. Bro. Lederman, the Senior Warden, opened the lodge on time. I was properly introduced and received with Grand Honors, taking the chair. I requested Bro. Lederman to exemplify the first degree, the following officers all moving up a chair and acted as follows: Bro. Lederman as W. M., Bro. Hutchison as S. W., Bro. Hearn as J. W., Bro. Siegner as S. D., Bro. Guenther as J. D., Bro. Kirkland as I. G., Bro. Trun, Tyler. Bro. Zoeger is the efficient Secretary. I noticed amongst the visiting brethren W. Bro. Chalmers, P. M.; W. Bro. Ellacott, W. M.; W. Bro. A. R. Terry, Secretary; Bro. A. J. Caudeck, S. W.; Bro. Duffield, J. W.; Bro. Go-lightly, I. G., all of Elma Lodge, No. 456. The work by Bro. Lederman was all that a D. D. G. M. could expect—very correct and to a great extent impressive. Bro. Hutchison gave the explanation of the T. B. and the charge in an excellent manner. I certainly commend all

the officers in this lodge. Perfect harmony now prevails, and in fact always did, with the exception of our brother who endeavored to cause dissension in order to satisfy a personal desire. This incident will prove a good and profitable lesson to this young lodge. They are careful whom they select as members, and will be more so in the future. Being without their W. M., W. Bro. Livingston, who removed to Port Rowan previous to November 15, this lodge has steadily went forward, being ably assisted by the W. M. and Past Masters of Elma Lodge, who are always ready and willing to confer degrees; also by Past Masters from Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel, North Huron District, and also Past Masters from Tecumseh and Stratford lodges. After my address, and the lodge closed in the three degrees, we were all invited, some 45 brethren, to the Central Hotel, kept by Bro. Rither. The three large tables were a sight for every brother to remember. Vases of the choicest cut flowers, and the menu with all the delicacies of the season and out of season. The toast list was not overly long, but heartily enjoyed by the brethren. I certainly wish this lodge every success in the future and know of no reason why it should not at next Grand Lodge secure its charter.

Doric Lodge, No. 233: November 27, 1906. I made my official visit to this lodge on the above date. Lodge was somewhat late in opening, but when once started everything went like clockwork. This lodge is certainly well officered from the W. M., W. Bro. Magladery, to the O. G., the Secretary, Bro. N. McDougall, being a most efficient one. Each officer does his work in a clear and very impressive manner, and no wonder, for on looking over the register I find the Past Masters very regular, especially R. W. Bro. Dawson. P. D. D. G. M., who is greatly interested in the work. I could not help congratulating the W. M. on this important fact. The officers are working under the manner expected about a year ago, and I requested them to get under the latest mode. This lodge is provided with the new Constitution, and their petitions are in accord with it. Dues well paid up. Several important questions were asked and answered, and I was assured that as answered would be lived up to. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the third degree. The candidate answered all

the questions, repeated his obligation, and explained the working tools. I drew the attention of the officers and members to the great importance of subscribing to the S. C. Fund, and received assurance that this important matter would be attended to. If this great work is attended to I consider Doric Lodge second to none in the District. The fourth degree was very successful and enjoyable. I noticed several visitors and several brethren who had passed the allotted span of life present and who responded to a toast in their honor. On May 10th, 1907, I again officially visited this lodge for the purpose of meeting a number of P. D. D. G. M's, but from unavoidable circumstances only P. D. D. G. M. Sutherland, of St. Clair District, and P. D. D. G. M. Dawson, of South Huron, were present. The lodge was opened on time by Past Master O. A. Griffith, W. Bro. Magladeroy being in New Liskeard. Bro. Zapf, S. W.; Past Master Dawson, J. W.; Bro. Thos. H. Newell, S. D.; Bro. Allen, I. G. The work was passing two candidates. For the first candidate Past Master D. N. McLeod occupied the chair and gave the obligation, when P. M. Magladeroy went forward and did the floor work. For the second candidate W. Bro. McLeod also gave the obligation, and R. W. Bro. Dawson, P. D. D. G. M., gave the floor work. Bro. Senior Warden Zapf gave the tracing board perfectly, as all his work is done. Bro. George A. Fraser, Junior Deacon, gave the charge in a manner most desirable; he is energetic and a thorough Mason. Lodges not in harmony should pay Doric Lodge, No. 233, a visit, and I have no hesitation in saying one visit would be all sufficient. A banquet was held after the lodge was closed by that very efficient officer, W. Bro. O. A. Griffith, W. Bro. D. N. McLeod officiating as toast master, and he has a happy way of introducing his toasts. Music and songs were interspersed, and if, as I said in my first report, if they complete their labors for the S. C. Fund they rank second to no lodge in the District of South Huron.

Elma Lodge, No. 456. November 29, 1906. I was accompanied on my visit to this lodge by R. W. Bro. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., which was a most agreeable surprise to me, and who met me on arrival of the train at Mitchell, when we drove out to Monkton Village, where this lodge is situated, a distance of ten miles. On arrival I found a large turnout of the members, with a few visitors from

Milverton Lodge, U. D. All the officers present except Bro. Cundeck, S. W., and Bro. Moffatt, J. W. The S. W.'s chair was ably filled by P. M. Golightly, and the J. W.'s chair by a very young member. I regret that I have forgotten his name, as he deserves special mention. The work was the second degree. The candidate passed a fair examination in his questions and obligation. The work of opening and closing was nearly correct and the ceremony of passing well done. Bro. Ellacott, although speaking a trifle fast, is a painstaking officer and purposes rectifying this part of his work. The S. D., Bro. Flood, was nervous, but is the making of an excellent officer. I was pleased to note that the W. M. is ably assisted by the Past Masters. W. Bro. Chambers, P. M., gave the charge in an able and masterly manner. I am glad to report the officers of this lodge materially assist Milverton Lodge, U. D. I urged the officers of this lodge to take up the S. C. Fund, pointing out to them that a brother in another lodge was also a brother of theirs when in distress. The W. M. promised to encourage the members in this laudable work, and expressed their pleasure with my explanation of its great benefits. This lodge is in a good state financially, very careful of who enters its portals, the great benefit of which they will find out in the years to come. An excellent supper was prepared in a private house. A few toasts were proposed and duly responded to. On arriving back in Mitchell I was the guest of R. W. Bro. J. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., who still takes a great interest in our noble work. Dues all paid up.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84: January 30, 1907. I am indebted to this lodge for calling an emergency meeting for this date for my official visit. On my arrival at the depot I was met by W. Bro. Stevenson, who informed me I was the guest of Clinton Lodge, No. 84. Lodge was opened on time. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Dr. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., and invited to the East and received with Grand Honors. The work then proceeded. There was a good turnout of the brethren. I noticed in the East V. W. Bro. Holliwell, Past Masters Paisley, Hunter, Hoover, Johnson, Evans and McLean. Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a candidate raised to the sublime degree of a M. M., all of which was satisfactory, only two minor exceptions taken to the

work, and these were to conform to the recent changes. The candidate was fairly well prepared, but in the manner done of years ago. This candidate lives some ten miles away, and so situated as not to be in touch with the members. It is unnecessary to individualize the officers more than to congratulate the W. M. on the encouragement given by the regular attendance of the Past Masters. Dues are in good shape. This lodge has a large map containing the tracing boards of the different degrees placed in the West, which in my opinion should give way to separate tracing boards for the South and for the West. In a very short time the members will remove to a new lodge room. I regret that the members of such a proficient lodge as Clinton, No. 84, do not take kindly to the S. C. Fund. Nothing has been done so far. I explained its object to W. Bro. Stevenson, the W. M., and asked him to have the circulars again read over to the members and induce them to view this important matter in another light. The fourth degree took place in the ante-room and was certainly a credit to the committee in charge. The lodge is deserving of great credit for this social part of their work. March 29, 1907, I received a cordial invitation to fraternally visit this lodge on this evening, it being the anniversary of the first meeting of fifty years ago, and was called 'Past Masters' night. I was received in the usual official manner and found the following Past Masters in the chairs: R. W. Bro. J. W. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., in the East; W. Bro. Jas. Ford in the West and W. Bro. E. M. McLean in the South; W. Bro. J. Hunter, S. D.; W. Bro. J. B. Hoover, J. D.; W. Bro. W. J. Paisley, I. G. A very large amount of routine work was disposed of, over \$700 of accounts being passed, the several items being for the fitting up of their new lodge room, and which neither time nor labor seems to have been thought of by the enterprising committee under P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Shaw. They have a large banquet room, a very large ante-room, and a candidate room, but the lodge room is not only large, but expensively furnished, all of the work except the plastering being done by members of the lodge. After the business was completed R. W. Bro. Shaw initiated the candidate, who is the son of the first worshipful master. This work was not only efficiently but impressively done, along with a grand charge to the candidate, but also to the brethren.

The Senior Warden's work was correct, also the Junior Warden's, the explanation of the Tracing Board being perfect in every way. W. Bro. Hoover makes a perfect J. D. W. Bro. Paisley, a member of this lodge for about 35 years, is dignified in all his actions. Past Master Fair presented the working tools in a masterly manner. V. W. Bro. Holloway takes a great interest in all of the work and is a regular attendant on lodge nights. W. Bro. Fair presented a history of this lodge down to the present, which was interesting and very instructive, and much time and labor must have been devoted to its preparation. After the lodge closed all retired to the large banquet room down stairs, where three large tables were filled up by the Craft and a bounteous supper partaken of. After the inner man had been satisfied short speeches, intermixed with songs, filled up a couple of hours' social intercourse. This lodge certainly has a large number of capital voices, and I broached the subject of a choir in connection with our ceremonies in the lodge, and I have no doubt but success in this method will be as great as every other thing the members take up. The dedicatory ceremony, I understand, will take place in September.

Wilmott Lodge, No. 318: As per arrangement with the officers of this lodge, I made my official visit on the evening of March 1st, 1907. The night was cold, with rain and sleet. I found over an average attendance of the members, some of them driving from four to ten miles. I also find, on looking over the register, the attendance is good, the Past Masters take much interest in assisting their officers, a marked contrast to one lodge nearby. The W. M., W. Bro. Waugh, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees well and nearly correct, only one error of importance, which I drew his attention to. He also, by my request, called the lodge off. The work exemplified was the Fellowcraft degree, and was well done by all of the officers. Bro. W. Russell, S. W., gave the Tracing Board correctly, but on this occasion spoke a little too fast. The officers of this lodge are all well up with the exception of the J. D. W. Bro. Buttler keeps his books correctly and very neat. Dues fairly well paid up, and the Secretary endeavors to keep the members posted in this important matter. The W. M. can work all of the degrees, and relies on W. Bro. Bechtel to give the charges, which he does correctly and

quite impressively. This lodge also sees that their candidates are well posted before advancement, and on this occasion the candidate was extra well prepared and very anxious for knowledge. All is harmony here. The fourth degree was given and a very enjoyable time passed with a few toasts, one, "Masonry in connection with the church," being ably responded to by Bro. Armstrong, the J. W.

New Dominion Yodge, No. 205: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 4th, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. S. C. Holley, being sick and not present, the chair was taken by W. Bro. R. J. Kerr, P.M., who opened the lodge in the three degrees, when he vacated the chair to W. Bro. A. Monteith, W. M. of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, and his officers, who were present on a fraternal visit and to exemplify the third degree. The candidate was fairly prepared and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in an efficient and very impressive manner by these officers. They closed in the third degree and also in the second, when I assumed the chair and answered several important Masonic questions and closed the lodge. The fourth degree was given for the first time in the large and commodious room adjoining, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of and a toast list disposed of. I was greatly pleased with the work of the officers of both lodges. Next evening I was present for the regular meeting, which, in reality, I might say was the official visit, although I am present at all of the meetings of this lodge, it being my mother lodge. It was necessary for me to take the chair and raise a candidate to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This candidate, Bro. Alfred Hahn, was certainly carefully prepared and a credit to whom he was placed in care of. I was pleased with the officers present on this occasion, and the work was nearly up to the previous evening. The officers of this lodge are at a great disadvantage—the Past Masters never attend. I must except P. M's Jas. Smith and Barber, who live over six miles away, and are always willing to assist when called on. I must particularly mention Bro. R. J. Kerr, P. M., who rarely misses a meeting, is well up in his work, and willing to fill any chair in emergency. Soon after I installed the officers the Junior Warden removed to New York, and Bro. W. Sutherland, who had recently joined,

filled this chair very acceptably, but is too much given to the old form. The Senior Warden also left for Halifax. The Junior Deacon, Bro. Bishop, never attends nights of degrees, but pleads sickness as the cause. The I. G., Bro. Hall, died shortly after being appointed. The W. M., W. Bro. S. C. Holley, can work all three degrees and give the charges, but requires more practice for efficient rendering. I have for years urged the different officers to visit the lodges in Stratford, where the work is so well done. The S. C. Fund is well paid up. Dues the same, with one exception, and that one, an old Past Master, who gave me part of my third degree. Insurance carried. Lodge room commodious and comfortable. Prospects good; three applications out for signature.

Irving Lodge, No. 154: April 25, 1907. By request of the W. M., W. Bro. M. H. O'Neil, I paid my official visit on this date. I found a large number of the members present, and also visitors. There was no regular work, so the W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree fairly well. The work of the J. W., Bro. W. S. Banting, was very good, also of the J. D., Bro. Branton. The I. G., Bro. W. L. Spring, is the making of a good officer. I find the Past Masters of this lodge well up in the work and in the Constitution. W. Bros. Murray and Dr. Orme take a great interest in the work and render valuable assistance. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees and called the lodge off, small errors being pointed out and remedied. This lodge is in excellent shape, dues well paid up, and an interest shown in the S. C. Fund. This evening a petition was presented by two Past Masters of this lodge and eight Master Masons living in Granton, six miles east, praying for consent to form a lodge in the village of Granton. After full discussion it was moved by W. Bro. Matheson, seconded by W. Bro. Hodgins, that this request be granted. After being put to the members present it was found to be unanimous, and the papers signed by the W. Master and Secretary and handed to me for approval. On looking over the register I find the Past Masters are very regular in their attendance, and the same may be said of the officers. The lodge room is very comfortably furnished and convenient. Secretary's books correctly and neatly attended to. After lodge the brethren attended the usual banquet, when a very social time for an hour was spent in speeches and song.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170: May 6, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. F. J. Burrows, opened the lodge and initiated a candidate. I was due at this lodge at 8 p. m. to make my official visit, but owing to an accident on the railway was unable to make connection at Stratford. I telephoned the officers, asking if I would come on if I did arrive at 11 p. m., and they cordially invited me to come, no matter as to time. I arrived at 11 p. m. and found about 80 of the Craft waiting and all in the best of spirits, having passed through an enjoyable time. I also found a candidate prepared and ready for initiation, a son of Past Master McLean. After being introduced by R. W. Bro. Reid, P. D. D. G. M., of this district, and duly received in the East, the W. M. initiated this candidate in a manner void of criticism and very impressively. The S. W., Bro. McCallum, is prompt and correct in all his work in the West, so is Bro. G. Chesney, J. W., who gave the explanation of the Tracing Board very correctly, but in the form of two years ago. I hope in the near future to see Bro. Hatcher, S. W., perform his duties. Bro. S. Dorrance, J. D., does his work correctly and evenly. Bro. H. Jaffrey, I. G., is correct in his work and very anxious for information in regards to it. W. Bro. Burrows is to be congratulated on having such a staff of officers. I also noticed that he is nightly supported by the Past Masters of this lodge and that R. W. Bro. Reid, P. D. D. G. M., takes as much interest in the work of the lodge as though he was climbing the ladder for promotion. I thoroughly enjoyed the work of this lodge. Owing to the late hour the lodge was not opened in the second and third degrees. The Secretary, W. Bro. L. C. Jackson, keeps his books correctly and very neat; dues well paid up, with two exceptions only. The register shows a large attendance at the regular meetings. They have a beautiful room, well and comfortably furnished, lighted with electricity, with the three lesser lights in the S., W. and E. I must say this is one of the best lodges in the district. I met visitors from Brussels, North Huron District No. 3; from Clinton, Hensall, and other places. The banquet was held in their ante-room, the table being filled with the delicacies of the season. After refreshments I answered many questions for the benefit of young members. I hope to visit this lodge so I may be in a position to make you a full report at a later date.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170: Seaforth, June 3, 1907. Having received a cordial invitation to visit this lodge on this date, I did so with feelings of much satisfaction. On arrival I was met by Past Master Dr. Cooper, whose guest I was during this visit. On arrival at the lodge I found it was Past Masters' night. The lodge was opened by the regular officers, routine business completed, along with two ballots, both being accepted. The Past Masters then assumed the different chairs. R. W. Bro. Reid, P. D. D. G. M., W. M.; V. W. Bro. Ballantyne, S. W.; W. Bro. Dr. Cooper, J. W.; W. Bro. J. Dodds, S. D.; W. Bro. O. Neil, J. D.; W. Bro. A. Barton, I. G.; W. Bro. McIntyre, O. G. The initiation of the above two candidates was perfect throughout and impressive in a marked degree, showing the great advantage to be derived from constantly attending and assisting the regular officers in their work. I hope the members are doing their duty as Masons towards the S. C. Fund. I did not have an opportunity to bring this important matter up, as it was nearing midnight.

St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's: May 8, 1907. By special request of mine this lodge called an emergency meeting for my official visit; the regular meeting was May 6th. I found a large attendance, considering that want of harmony is somewhat lacking. The first degree was selected, W. Bro. A. Willard, W. M., doing all the work in an efficient and effective manner, and, as I understand, was his first attempt at a meeting. The S. W., Bro. Sinclair, gave no chance for criticism. The J. W., Bro. D. McRae, *pro tem* for the evening, deserves praise, and gave the T. B. well. I pointed out to him it would be preferable to explain it as he went along, as his way took too much after the manner of giving a charge. Bro. John Hylands as J. D. *pro tem*, is all that is desirable, and so is Bro. I. G. Harding. Bro. Thos. Evans, Chaplain, who has reached the allotted time of man, was also present. I found Past Master Col. White an energetic and well skilled brother, who takes great interest in the lodge and the work. The Secretary, Past Master A. Carman, is one of the very best to be found anywhere. His minute book is a model and every detail is fully written up. My visit called up several reminiscences when I attended a Lodge of Instruction about 8 years ago, when I acted as Junior Warden, after six months'

coaching for my Lodge, No. 205, exemplifying the second year, and strange to say that members of this Lodge, St. James, drew attention to a certain part of my work. I drew their J. W.'s attention, and also the officers, to the same thing, reminding them that the committee appointed to adjudge on these matters decided I was not wrong but it might to some extent be shortened, and so I informed the W. M. on that account I would sustain that ruling. The officers are certainly proficient, but lack practice. I was told a candidate had not been received for nearly two years. A short but enjoyable banquet took place at the Windsor hotel. This lodge room is a beauty, well furnished throughout, and comfortable. Dues fairly well in hand, with three exceptions, and has a membership of about 70. June 3, 1907. I am informed that the officers are of the opinion now that things are again in harmony and that good applicants will be again received.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33: May 14, 1907. I officially visited this lodge on this date, and I did so with feelings of diffidence, notwithstanding I knew I had strong and warm friends who have taken great interest in my reaching towards the honorable office I now hold. I received a most cordial and fraternal welcome and found over forty Masons present. This lodge has a very nice lodge room, conveniently situated, a beautiful ante or reception room, with writing table for its members, and a good ante-room and preparation room. I had the honor of being introduced to the officers of this lodge by R. W. Bro. Radcliffe, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, who I took in on my arm, as Bro. Radcliffe has nearly lost his sight, but is nearly always present at every meeting. I also met R. W. Bro. Tye, our Grand Registrar, along with visiting brethren, of whom several came from Morning Star Lodge. W. Bro. Gallow opened and closed in the three degrees, and he and his officers initiated a candidate in a creditable and efficient manner, considering the circumstances they are placed in, which I will mention later. Bro. Parsons, S. W., fills his position with dignity and promptness, so also does Bro. Dr. W. S. Turnbull, J. W., fill the South, and gave the Tracing Board, but, as I pointed out, it takes too much of the nature of a charge. This lodge has no tracing board, which I requested they would procure and allow the Wardens to properly ex-

plain as they progressed. Bro. Nairn, as S. D., filled this chair correctly, while Bro. Sturdy, as J. D., efficiently fulfilled his duties. The I. G. Bro. Andrews, is not up with his work, and I left him in the hands of the W. M. to properly post him. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. H. Tigert, keeps his books neatly and correctly, dues well paid up, and I was informed by R. W. Bro. Tye, G. R., that over \$130 had been collected for the S. C. Fund, which I strongly impressed on the lodge as a sacred Masonic duty. Now as to what I said I would refer to later. I find there are two or three members, who for some reason I could not ascertain, have for a long time persistently blackballed every petition, the candidate of the evening being an exception. This pernicious and unmasonic habit has taken the heart out of these officers and has discouraged them. R. W. Bros. Radcliffe and Tye, after my strong remarks on this disgraceful conduct, spoke in similar terms, also Treasurer Bro. Reynolds, and we all hope that good will result from our efforts. Otherwise this lodge is in good order and in charge of a splendid corps of officers. I also took the opportunity of telling the members the penalty of such conduct. The brethren asked a large number of excellent Masonic questions of great value to the young members. I closed the V. of the S. L. in harmony. A banquet took place in the commodious room for this purpose up-stairs, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed by all and a short toast list disposed of. I hope to have the honor of seeing a large number of the members at Morning Star Lodge on the evening of May 22.

Tudor Lodge, No. 144, Mitchell: May 21, 1907. I paid my official visit to this lodge this evening with pleasurable anticipation of finding everything in good order, as my esteemed friend, R. W. Bro. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., is a regular attendant at all the meetings and takes great interest in assisting the officers. The work of this evening was the raising of Bro. A. Hill, Jr., and he was prepared in all of his work in the most complete manner, repeating his obligation and explaining the working tools. His floor work was also perfect. The W. M., W. Bro. Mowbray, is devoted to his office, and so are all of his officers, leaving very little room for any criticism. At the proper place was introduced the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," by the Craft. Visitors from Sea-

forth and Stratford were present. After the lodge was closed a banquet was held, under R. W. Bro. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., who conducted the toast list. I consider this lodge ranks among the most efficient in the district. I found the S. C. Fund in proper shape, and also witnessed a Board of Trial conducted by R. W. Bro. Elliott and two Past Masters.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309: May 22, 1907. For years it has been an ardent wish to pay a fraternal visit to this lodge, among the Craft known as "The Farmers' Lodge." I made my official visit to-night, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. Tye, Grand Registrar, and eight others. I was received in a most cordial and fraternal manner, being introduced by W. Bro. Robinson. I found a very efficient set of officers, with one exception, the I. G. To my great surprise I learned that the W. M., W. Bro. Jas. Bell, was initiated about five years ago, and next July will have reached the advanced age of 75 years. His work was good all through, it being an initiation. W. Bro. Robinson acted as J. D. in a correct manner. The Tracing Board was well given until near the end, when the young brother got nervous; but in all his work he shows the making of an excellent officer. The Secretary, W. Bro. Varcoe, keeps his books correctly and neatly, and fills his official chair in a manner leaving no room for a critic. This lodge is in excellent shape, owns its own building, and hold their banquet in a room set aside for that purpose. This lodge is situated in an agricultural district and all the members are engaged in farming.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: May 23, 1907. The officers of this lodge initiated a candidate and opened and closed in the three degrees, with only two errors. All of the officers are competent. The J. W., Bro. J. Scott, explained the Tracing Board in a faultless manner and in the most impressive mode. I complimented him on this part of the work. I answered a number of questions. Bro. Bonthron keeps his books carefully and advised me dues were well paid up. I was the guest of Bro. A. Brandt, D. of C. Visitors were present from Exeter and Seaforth. This is another lodge ranking among the best.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter: May 27, 1907. This lodge is one of the best in District No. 4.

I have noticed some of the officers of this lodge present in neighboring lodges when I was paying my official visits, which showed me the lively interest that was taken in the work of Lebanon Forest. I am unable, from the efficient work done from the O. G. up to the W. M., W. Bro. Fisher, to personalize any officer. I noticed by the register the Past Masters regularly attend, and where this is done I have found, without exception, excellent and proficient officers. R. W. Bro. Dickson, I. P. D. D. G. M., takes the same interest as he did last year. The work of this evening was the raising of a perfectly prepared candidate, and the W. M. informed me all candidates are prepared in a similar way, viz., answering questions, repeating obligation, and explaining the W. T. This lodge room is very convenient and comfortable, lighted by electricity, and well ventilated. Dues are well paid; S. C. Fund paid. Lodge room covered with insurance. A number of questions asked, the most important being, was it proper to place the ballot box on the V. of the S. L., the S. and C. I ruled not, it should be placed on the altar.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth: May 28, 1907. I officially visited this lodge this evening and found a large attendance of the members, also visitors from several I had the pleasure of seeing two candidates initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Free Masonry. On making enquiries during the day I found the officers all lived an average of over six miles in the country. Two of them are 14 miles apart, so that it is almost impossible to meet for rehearsal. Under these adverse circumstances I was pleased with the work of the officers. The register shows a large attendance on regular nights. The W. M. takes great interest in the lodge and is impressive in his work. R. W. Bro. Tierney, P. D. D. G. M., gave the charge to the candidates in a masterly manner, is a regular attendant and adviser. Secretary's books properly and neatly kept; dues well paid. I fully explained the object of the S. C. Fund, in which this lodge appears interested. Prospects good.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: May 30, 1907. My visit to this lodge concludes my round of official visits. I shall always remember the cordial reception and this pleasant evening. The work was an initiation. The officers of this, the largest lodge in the district, was

perfect, leaving no room for me to use my official rights. The W. M., W. Bro. Monteith, opened and closed in the three degrees. I also witnessed a Board of Trial, conducted by R. W. Bro. Malcolm, P. D. D. G. M., with a visitor from a lodge in Scotland. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Chris. McLellan, keeps his books neat and correct. He also gave the charge to the candidate with his usual ability. Dues are paid up, so is the S. C. Fund. Regalia clean and in good order. Prospects the best. The material for membership carefully looked after. After the lodge closed a banquet was held in their large and commodious room. The reply to the toast of Grand Lodge was a masterly effort by R. W. Bro. Malcolm. A solo by Bro. Tilley was enchored. Auld Lang Syne was sung and all dispersed about midnight.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. G. HOLLY, D. D. G. M.,

South Huron District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Degree's conf'r'd.			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.											
33	Maitland...	Goderich.....	132	8	3	4	5	4	1	1	...	3	12	4	16	30	.....	8	\$ 37 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$1200 00
73	St. James...	St. Mary's.....	74	..	2	9	3	1	1	2	...	2	13	4	17	14	.....	18	186 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	77	16	2	9	3	1	1	1	...	1	16	6	22	23	.....	13	99 00	June 25, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
133	Leb. Forest...	Exeter.....	89	3	..	4	4	6	3	4	...	..	14	2	16	24	.....	2	41 00	June 21, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	450 00
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	51	1	5	1	1	1	3	..	..	1	9	2	11	15	.....	4	75 00	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
144	Tecumseh...	Stratford.....	157	21	..	19	12	13	13	1	2	2	13	10	23	23	.....	31	342 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	80	3	..	4	4	4	2	3	...	1	9	3	12	14	.....	..	..	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	No	500 00
170	Britannia...	Seaforth.....	89	6	..	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	14	3	17	25	.....	3	20 00	Jan'y, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
205	New Don'n...	New Hamburg...	38	2	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	13	4	15	11	.....	4	11 00	1906	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	80	5	..	8	7	7	1	1	...	..	13	4	17	25	.....	6	38 00	June 3, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
233	Doric.....	Park Hill.....	66	1	12	10	8	5	1	11	...	1	11	11	11	20	.....	..	..	.....	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	53	2	2	2	2	2	..	1	...	1	13	2	15	20	.....	3	25 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Vy Good	Yes	1000 00
309	Morn'gStar...	Smith's Hill...	26	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	...	..	13	13	13	8	.....	7	..	June 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
318	Wilcott.....	Baden.....	49	4	1	4	4	4	..	1	...	..	14	4	18	16	.....	4	25 00	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
332	Stratford...	Stratford.....	32	12	1	9	7	7	5	1	...	..	12	5	17	14	.....	..	..	June 24, '07	Good	Good	No	250 00
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	49	4	1	4	4	4	..	1	...	..	14	4	18	16	.....	..	..	.....	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
U D	Milxerton...	Milverton.....	32	12	1	9	7	7	5	1	...	..	12	5	17	14	.....	..	..	.....	Good	Good	No	250 00

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Masonry in North Huron District No. 5. I desire to place on record my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for electing me to the highest office in their gift. I also desire to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the district for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me when paying my official visits. I appointed W. Bro. R. N. Sawyer, of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, as District Secretary, and I have great pleasure in stating that he has discharged every duty of his office faithfully and efficiently.

On assuming office I wrote the W. Masters of the various lodges, pointing out to them the importance of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and urging them to make a special effort to complete their contribution to this fund. On my visit to the lodge I again brought the matter up and urged the brethren strongly to assist in carrying out so laudable a scheme for the assistance of unfortunate brethren and the widows and orphans of Masons. I am pleased to state that a number of the lodges have paid in full, and mostly all of the others promised to make a special effort to do the same, but I regret there are one or two who have not seen fit to do anything.

I am pleased to report that the greatest harmony prevails throughout the district, no grievances have been reported to me, and all the lodges prospering. I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district.

DEATHS.

I received but very few reports of deaths of members of the Craft. The first report was from Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, informing me of the death of Bro. T. C. Bland, M. P. for North Bruce. Cedar Lodge, No.

396, Wiarton, mourns the loss of three members, in the persons of Bros. Capt. Jas. Crawford, C. N. Shaw and T. G. Davis, the former two going down on the ill-fated steamer Jones on November 22nd, 1906. Other deaths have occurred in the district, but the Secretaries have neglected to send me notice.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I held a Lodge of Instruction, more particularly for the benefit of the northern part of the district, on Thursday, June 13th, at Chesley, under the Warrant of Forest Lodge, No. 393, at which a goodly number were present.

The first degree was conferred upon a candidate by W. Bro. Alex. Reid, W. M., and the officers of Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth, in the afternoon, after which the Wiarton, W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer, of Cedar Lodge, giving the charges to the candidates in both degrees in a very impressive manner.

In the evening the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. J. Fisher, W. M., assisted by W. Bros. W. R. Burnett and H. B. Putnum, of Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley. The work of all three lodges was exceedingly well done, as the criticism committee, composed of R. W. Bros. Jas. Walmsley and W. J. Ferguson, P. D. D. G. M's of Cedar Lodge, and W. Bro. C. J. Mickle, Forest Lodge, Chesley, and myself had very little to do, and it was generally conceded that the work done was the best at any Lodge of Instruction held in this district. I have to thank the W. M's of the three lodges for their attendance, and also the W. M. and members of Forest Lodge for their kind and courteous treatment.

VISITS.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge at the regular meeting on March 6, 1907. There was a good attendance of members and a good number of visitors present. W. Bro. Wm. Hay, W. M., and the S. W. were unavoidably absent, being in London seeking higher degrees in Masonry. The W. M's chair, therefore, was occupied by R. W. Bro. M. J. Macpherson, P. D. D. G. M., the other chairs being occupied by the regular officers, with the exception of the S. W's. The lodge was opened and closed in perfect style and the third degree exemplified

on a well prepared candidate in a very correct manner. The charge in the Book of Constitution was delivered very impressively by V. W. Bro. E. Miller. Owing to the regrettable illness of Bro. R. D. Hall, Secretary, V. W. Bro. James Macpherson acted in that capacity. This lodge is the oldest in the district and one of the first to pay in full the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. They are also very liberal in contributing to purposes of relief. The lodge room is handsomely decorated and comfortably furnished. The courtesy and kindness shown to me during my visit by R. W. Bro. M. J. Macpherson, V. W. Bro. E. Miller, Bro. Madden and other members of the lodge will always be a pleasant recollection of the spirit of Freemasonry as practised by the brethren of Northern Light. After the lodge was closed the brethren assembled in their banqueting hall, where the fourth degree was exemplified in a most agreeable and hospitable manner.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: On the evening of March 27th, 1907, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. John Macaulay, Bro. Arthur Watt, of Cedar Lodge, and Bro. Alex. Purvis, of Gore Bay Lodge. There was a good attendance of members. W. Bro. William Logie, W. M., with his officers, opened and closed in all the degrees and exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge owns the building in which they meet and use the lower story for a refreshment room, where we adjourned after the lodge was closed and partook of an excellent supper, at which many splendid speeches were made, interspersed with some of the finest singing it has been my privilege to listen to, which brought a most profitable and enjoyable evening to a close.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: My visit here was at the regular meeting on Monday, February 25th, 1907. There was a fair attendance of members and I was kindly received by the brethren. W. Bro. R. H. Harris, W. M., and his regular officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner and exemplified the first degree. W. Bro. Thos. Brown then conferred the second degree, after which W. Bro. Geo. Allen exemplified the second degree on another candidate. The work in each degree was well rendered. I was pleased to have with me on this occasion R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchinson, of Fordwich Lodge, P. D. D. G. M.

After the lodge was closed I spent a very pleasant hour with the brethren in speeches and song. I very much regret to have to report that this lodge has not seen fit to contribute anything as yet to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but promised to take the matter up.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: Was visited at an emergent meeting on Friday, the 8th of March, 1907. W. Bro. A. T. Davison, W. M. of the lodge, with his efficient staff of officers, conferred the third degree in a very commendable manner. They also opened and closed the lodge well. The dues are well paid and the lodge is in a flourishing condition. The building is owned by the lodge and the rooms are very comfortable. After the lodge was closed an adjournment was made to one of the hotels, where the brethren were well entertained, and thus ended another pleasant evening of my official work in this district.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: On Tuesday, the 12th of March, 1907, I made my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting arranged to suit the W. M. There was a fairly good attendance of members. The first degree was conferred on a very bright candidate by W. Bro. John W. McIntyre, W. M., and his officers, all being done in a very creditable manner. I was pleased to see a good turnout of Past Masters, among whom were R. W. Bro. H. Clark, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bros. John Grainger, Herbert Courtney and others. A very pleasant time was spent with the brethren at a luncheon which was served after the lodge was closed.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: On April the 26th, 1907, I paid my official visit to this lodge, it being their regular meeting night. W. Bro. John H. Blackmore, W. M., and the regular officers opened and closed in the several degrees, and conferred the second degree in a perfect manner. The attendance was good and the brethren evinced a keen interest in everything pertaining to the good of the Craft. There was a very large turnout of Past Masters, which is one of the best signs of a lodge's prosperity, and I had the pleasant task of presenting four Past Masters Jewels in recognition of valuable services rendered. I was pleased to renew acquaintances with a great many of the brethren whom I had known more or less intimately for a number of years, and especially R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. D. D. Campbell.

who has rendered me valuable assistance on several occasions, and I take this opportunity of expressing to him my hearty thanks. The books of this lodge are kept in splendid order by V. W. Bro. J. J. Foster, the Secretary, and the prospects of the lodge are very bright indeed. A very pleasant time was spent at luncheon in the lodge room at the close of the meeting.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I visited here at an emergent meeting on Wednesday, 13th of March, 1907, and also had the pleasure of dedicating their new lodge rooms at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge assembled in a convenient room and was opened in ample form. P. M's from Bruce Lodge, Tiverton; Moravian Lodge, Eden Grove; Forest Lodge, Chesley, and Aldworth Lodge, filling the Grand lodges offices and assisting in performing the sacred rites of the dedication ceremonies. There was a large attendance of members and a great many visitors from the above lodges present. The dedication ceremonies being concluded, the W. M., W. Bro. J. P. Fisher, and his regular officers exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in all of them in a masterly manner. The lecture on the tracing board was splendidly given by Bro. R. B. Grant, J. W. W. Bro. H. B. Putnum is a painstaking and efficient Secretary, and the finances are well looked after by W. Bro. W. R. Barnett, a most enthusiastic Mason. The new lodge room is very comfortable and well furnished. After the meeting an excellent supper was partaken of at one of the hotels, where a pleasant hour was spent in speech and song.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: In accordance with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master to dedicate the new lodge rooms of Teeswater Lodge on November 29th, I did so, also making the occasion my official visit. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. D. D. Campbell, of Bernard Lodge, Listowel, who ably assisted me in the solemn rites of the dedication ceremonies, along with R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, V. W. Bro. Bell, V. W. Bro. Rev. Boyle, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who acted as Grand Chaplain, and W. Bros. H. Bell, V. R. VanNorman and Vanstone, from Wingham, and other Past Masters from Harriston, Wroxeter and Blyth. After the dedication ceremonies were performed and the Grand Lodge closed in ample

form, W. Bro. S. R. Brill, W. M., and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees and exemplified part of the third degree (there being no regular candidate) to the satisfaction, I am sure, of every brother present. The Wingham brethren ran a special train, bringing over forty members with them, which made a gathering of about seventy-five. The brethren of Teeswater Lodge have every reason to feel proud of their new rooms, which are everything that could be desired. Every member contributed something toward furnishing it, and they have it all paid for. After the lodge work was completed a banquet was enjoyed at one of the hotels, followed by the customary toasts, interspersed by some excellent singing from members of the lodge and Bro. A. S. Savage, Aylmer.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: I made my official visit here on Monday, 4th of March, 1907, at an emergent meeting called by the W. M. at my request. There was a very small attendance of members present. The W. M., W. Bro. Jas. Ballantyne, was not among the number until after the work was over, he having to attend a meeting of the Town Council regarding a new library site. W. Bro. Malcolm Black and the regular officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees and exemplified the second degree to my entire satisfaction. W. Bro. John H. Cameron gave the working tools and the lecture in the southeast corner in a very effective and correct manner. I regret that this lodge has not taken up the Semi-Centennial Fund with much enthusiasm, although they are practising charity at home in a very tangible manner. At the meeting previous to my visit they presented their esteemed Tyler, Bro. J. W. Kirk, with a new coal stove, three tons of coal, and a purse of gold, the occasion being his 50th anniversary as a Mason. Bro. Wright, as Secretary, keeps his books very neatly. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served in the lodge room.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: I visited here at the regular meeting on the 5th March, 1907. Thirty-four members and twenty-three visitors were in attendance. W. Bro. H. O. Bell, W. M., and his regular officers conferred the second degree on a candidate well prepared for advancement, in a very satisfactory manner, and also opened and closed the lodge in the different de-

grees in good style. The charge in the Book of Constitution was given in a very correct and most impressive manner by R. W. Bro. Boyle, P. G. Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. There was a large attendance of P. M's, which is always a sure sign of a live lodge. Among the visitors was R. W. Bro. Lewis H. Dickson, of Exeter, P. D. D. G. M. of South Huron District No. 4, and also brethren from Scotland and Quebec. The lodge room is one of the handsomest and best furnished in the district, and R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, P. D. D. G. M., makes a very efficient Secretary, his books being neatly and correctly kept. After labor we adjourned for refreshment to one of the hotels, where the visitors and myself were entertained at a most magnificent banquet, where the and sons, which was highly appreciated.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: I had a very enjoyable visit here on the evening of February 26th, the W. M., W. Bro. John Henneberg, very kindly calling an emergent meeting. There was a fair attendance of members, who received me very cordially. The initiatory degree was given by the W. M., W. Bro. Hanneberg, and his officers in a very creditable manner. The Junior Warden's lecture was well given. At my request the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchinson, the Secretary, sees that the brethren pay their dues promptly, and they have a good surplus in the Treasury. After labor a very pleasant time was spent in speeches and stories, which brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on Thursday, March 7th, 1907, when the W. M., W. Bro. A. R. Bell, and his regular officers opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees and conferred the third degree on a fairly well prepared candidate in a very commendable manner, the latter part of the work being given by R. W. Bro. M. J. Macpherson, of Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, in a very faultless manner. The following brethren from Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, very kindly drove me out to Tiverton: R. W. Bro. M. J. Macpherson, V. W. Bro. E. Miller, and Bros. Madden, Cassidy and Malcolm. The lodge room is very comfortable, and the books are well looked after by the Secretary, W. Bro. J. M. Bowie. After the close of the meeting I was entertained along with the

visitors at a very inviting banquet at one of the hotels, where we spent a very pleasant time in speech and song. I there had the honor, on behalf of the lodge, to present W. Bros. J. A. McKellar, D. A. McLaren and F. C. Fawcett with P. M's jewels, in recognition of their faithful and devoted services.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I visited this lodge and installed the officers for the ensuing year on January 28th, 1907. R. W. Bros. Jas. Walmsley and W. J. Ferguson, P. D. D. G. M's of this district, V. W. Bro. N. M. Moore and W. Bro. John Macaulay, all members of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, accompanied me and rendered valuable services in the installation ceremonies. There was no work on hand, but the installed master, W. Bro. Rev. Diehl, opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, and under his guidance I bespeak for Maple Leaf a very successful year, as the W. M. is well qualified to administer the affairs of the lodge. W. Bro. James A. McDonald and Bro. A. Telford, veteran members, discharge the duties of Secretary and Treasurer with satisfaction, the finances being in a satisfactory condition. Bro. Rev. D. Currie, of Desbro, who had been attending a meeting of the Presbytery in Owen Sound that day, after arriving home late in the evening, took a fresh horse and drove to Tara to attend the meeting, which shows a very commendable spirit of Masonry. A sumptuous repast was partaken of by the members and visitors at the British Hotel at the close of the meeting.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: On Tuesday, February 5th, 1907, I made my official visit to this lodge at the regular meeting, accompanied by W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer, of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, District Secretary. There was a fairly good attendance of members present, and I was pleased with my reception by the brethren. The opening and closing in the three degrees was well done by W. Bro. Wm. Halliday, W. M., and his officers, and they conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner, W. Bro. Chas. Smellie assisting by giving the working tools and the lecture in the southeast angle. As the charge in the Book of Constitution is always read here, I requested W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer to deliver it, which he did in a very correct and impressive manner. W. Bro. W. T. Ross is a very efficient Secretary, and I am delighted to state that this lodge has paid

in full the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. After the close of meeting we were entertained at an excellent supper at the Windsor Hotel.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: This being my mother lodge, at whose meetings I am usually present, I made my official visit at the regular meeting on the 25th of June, 1907. The brethren showed their appreciation of the honor conferred on the lodge by having one of their number elected to the office of D. D. G. M. by giving me a cordial reception. There was a large attendance of members and P. M's and quite a number of visitors present, the most distinguished being R. W. Bro. W. H. Wright, of Owen Sound, D. D. G. M. of Georgian District No. 9, who had kindly accepted a very cordial invitation from me to be present and criticize the work, I having accepted and availed myself of a similar invitation from him when he visited his own and St. George's Lodges in Owen Sound, when I spent a most enjoyable evening. He was accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. A. L. Danard and Bros. George Menzies and J. F. McCallum, of Owen Sound. The work for the evening was the passing of a well prepared and intelligent candidate by W. Bro. J. E. Sutherby, W. M., and his regular officers. It gave me much pleasure to congratulate the W. M. and his officers on the splendid manner in which the work and the opening and closing in the degrees was exemplified. The S. W., Bro. W. M. Newman, gave the lecture on the tracing board in a faultless manner. R. W. Bro. Wright also expressed his pleasure in seeing the work so well done, and congratulated the W. M. and officers on the high standard of proficiency they had attained. Bro. E. Y. Jackson, the J. W., sees that the social side of Masonry is not neglected, for when the lodge was closed we adjourned to the banqueting room, where a very pleasant hour was spent in speeches and song.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: I made my visit here at an emergent called by the W. M. on Thursday, 6th June, 1907. There was a good attendance of members. The opening and closing of the three degrees was well done. W. Bro. John W. Miller, W. M., conferred the third degree on a substitute candidate, the later part of the work being given by W. Bro. August G. Miller, I. P. M. Both Masters did their respective parts

splendidly. They have a very comfortable lodge room, and the Secretary's books are well looked after by W. Bro. G. W. Smith. A very appetizing luncheon was provided and enjoyed by me with the brethren at the close of the meeting.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: I spent a most enjoyable evening on my visit to Moravian Lodge on Wednesday, February 27th, 1907. There was a large attendance, quite a number of the brethren from Aldworth Lodge, Paisley, being present. W. Bro. John Bradley, W. M., with his officers, opened and closed in all the degrees and conferred the second degree on a well-prepared candidate in a very creditable manner. I do not think I ever heard the lecture on the tracing board given better than Bro. Alex. McKeenan, S. W., gave it. This lodge is to be commended on the excellent work done by all of its officers, and I have pleasure in reporting that this lodge is doing good work, although situated in a very small village, where the advantages of practising together are not as great as in larger places. After the close of the meeting I was entertained with the visitors to a sumptuous repast in the lodge room, as well as good speeches, songs and stories, the visitors from Paisley contributing their share to the program. W. Bro. Thos. Chittick, a Past Master of Moravian Lodge, but now residing in Guelph, was present, and assisted in the entertainment. W. Bro. G. Sirrs made an excellent chairman. It will be some time before I forget the pleasant evening spent with the brethren of Moravian Lodge.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on Friday, May 31st, 1907, when the W. M., W. Bro. F. J. Tizzard, and his regular officers conferred the first degree on a substitute candidate in capital style. There was a fairly good attendance of members and quite a number of Past Masters present, which I was pleased to see. I am delighted to state that this lodge has paid in full its Semi-Centennial Benevolent This lodge has quite a number of enthusiastic Masons, and their prospects look brighter than they have for some time. I spent a very pleasant hour at luncheon in the lodge room, which was interspersed with good singing and splendid stories.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: My visit to this lodge on the evening of May 28th, their regular meeting

night, was a very pleasant one. There being no regular work on, the W. M., W. Bro. Alex. Reid, and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very commendable manner, also opening and closing in the several degrees in good style. The lecture on the tracing board was splendidly given by the J. W., Bro. A. J. Reid, and W. Bro. A. W. Baines, of Cedar Lodge, delivered the charge in the Book of Constitution in a very impressive manner. I noticed by the register that W. Bros. Dr. Campbell, J. E. Campbell and Thos. E. Reid are usually present to render advice and assistance in the work. V. W. Bro. J. E. Johnston, of Fort William, V. W. Bro. N. M. Moore, W. Bros. A. W. Baines, Rev. James Nicol, J. E. Sutherby, W. M., and Bros. W. M. Newman, D. Huether and Robt. Laurie, of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, were kind enough to drive out with me to Hepworth. After the closing of the lodge members and visitors sat down to an excellent supper at one of the hotels, where many eloquent speeches were made, and a most profitable and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

In conclusion I feel safe in predicting a continuance of the prosperity and harmony at present existing in the 5th Masonic District, and again express my thankfulness to the brethren as a whole for the kindly treatment meted out to me and for the manner in which my efforts have been seconded during my term of office. If the moral tone of the brethren and the ideals of true Masonry have been stimulated or promoted by my humble efforts, and if I could feel assured that my brethren are the better for my slight services, rendered cheerfully on their behalf, I would feel amply compensated for the labors of the office. I especially desire to acknowledge the kindness and advice given me by R. W. Bros. W. J. Ferguson and Jas. Walmsley, of my own lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. J. CAMERON, D. D. G. M.,
North Huron District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.			Degree's confd		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.					M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.
93	North'n L'e	96	4	1	3	4	5	1	1	2	14	5	19	31	\$26 00			Jan'y, 1907	\$4,016 81	Fair	Yes	\$2000 00	
162	St. Lawrence	74	1	...	2	4	4	1	1	13	3	16	30	61 00	.....	.....	July 3, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$2700 00		
331	Forest	42	7	...	6	4	4	1	1	2	12	13	13	15 00	.....	.....	Jan. 14, '07	Good	Good	No	400 00		
181	Old Light.	98	9	9	9	6	6	9	1	2	18	17	10 00	6	.....	.....	Dec. 28, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00		
497	Saugen	73	8	3	0	7	3	1	2	13	1	14	18	7	.....	.....	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
225	Barnard	88	3	4	3	8	7	2	12	1	13	16	22	19 00	.....	.....	Jan. 23, '07	Good	Good	Yes	750 00		
235	Aldworth	53	1	3	6	6	6	2	1	1	11	19	13	.....	.....	.....	June 24, '06	Good	Good	No	300 00		
276	Teeswater.	32	5	...	4	4	4	1	2	...	9	21	19	.....	.....	.....	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
284	St. John's.	68	2	...	3	3	2	1	1	...	10	1	11	12	100 00			June 24, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	250 00	
286	Wingham.	85	4	...	8	7	6	4	...	2	11	3	14	17	15 00			June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
331	Fordwich.	44	6	...	6	6	2	...	...	12	12	15	15	15 00	.....	.....	Jan'y, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
393	Forest Chesley.	49	9	8	8	5	2	1	...	1	12	14	14	14	16 00			Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	500 00	
362	Maple Leaf	54	6	3	6	6	6	2	1	...	1	14	14	12	16 00			Jan'y, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
341	Bruce	60	...	...	3	5	6	1	...	1	12	5	17	12	.....	.....	Dec., 1906	Fair	Good	Yes	1000 00		
386	Port Edgar.	159	2	...	6	7	7	1	...	3	14	3	17	22	15 00			June 1, '07	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
429	Port Elgin.	64	1	...	1	1	2	1	...	12	1	13	20	...	.....	.....	Jan. 1, '07	Favorable	Yes	Yes	250 00		
331	Moravian.	56	5	...	5	5	5	1	...	14	1	19	15	2	13			Jan. 7, '07	Vy Good	Good	Yes	None	
332	Hanover.	47	2	...	2	4	4	1	1	...	9	3	12	14	14			Dec. 29, '06	Good	Excell't	Yes	450 00	
332	Hepworth.	36	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	12	1	13	12	50 00	.....	.....	Dec. 30, '06	Good	.....	Yes	300 00		

Number of Lodges.

WILSON DIVISION NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report of this district for the past Masonic year. Before doing so I wish to thank the representatives of the various lodges in the district for the very high honor they conferred upon me in electing me D. D. G. M. for the past year. It has been a season of profit and pleasure to me, and I can only express the hope that the brethren of the different lodges throughout the district have experienced a like result from my visits to them. I have made many friends and met many brethren that it was a great privilege to meet, and I can truly say that in no instance has there been the slightest drawback of any kind to mar the harmony and kindly feeling that should always exist among the members of our ancient and beloved Craft. My first official duty was the issuing of a circular letter to the various lodges in the district calling the attention of the members and officers to the necessity of procuring the new Constitution for the use of the officers at least, and also to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Several of the lodges have made payments to this fund, and a few have paid in full the amount for which they are liable, while others are arranging plans to raise the money as expeditiously as possible. I also appointed W. Bro. Fred. Downs, of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, My District Secretary.

I visited all the lodges in the district except the one in Scotland, and I regret that I could not arrange a meeting there. I could not go there on a regular night and could not get an emergent communication on account of the Master living several miles away, and the members being principally farmers they were unable to leave their work to come in, as the lateness of the season caused most farming operations to be much behind. I find all the lodges in a good, healthy and prosperous condition, the

work is well done, and there was little to criticize and much to commend. Two or three of the smaller lodges, from their geographical position, are not as strong as they might be, having a poor section to draw candidates from, but even with this drawback they are going ahead, and considering the difficulty of their position are doing fairly well.

I regret to say that twice or three times during my term of office it has pleased the G. A. of the Universe to remove some of our brethren to the Grand Lodge above. The first of these was V. W. Bro. John R. Boles, of King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, of Ingersoll, who died July 28th, 1906; W. Bro. Joseph Rippon, one of the oldest Past Masters of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, of Woodstock, and Bro. Arch. Pow, of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, of Tillsonburg. I attended the different funerals and assisted in paying the last sad offices of respect to departed merit.

There was no Lodge of Instruction held during the year.

My first official visit took place on October 25th, 1906, to Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, at Port Rowan. Here I met the W. M., W. Bro. Biddle, and the faithful and efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Ryan, one of the pillars of this lodge and an earnest and willing worker along Masonic lines. There was no work on hand, so the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, and if the work done can be judged by the manner in which this part of it was performed it would be well and ably carried out. I spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren and thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality.

On October 26th I visited Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, which, in spite of its high number, is still an old lodge under a new numbering. I was pleased to meet W. Bro. John Pow, the Secretary, on my arrival in the village, with whom I went and secured quarters in the hotel. I then went around and met several of the members. In the evening I met W. Bro. Dunkin and his Wardens and a number of the members whom I had not previously seen. I witnessed a second degree, and the work was well handled. This lodge has made a fairly good payment to the S. C. Fund, with a promise of more to follow. I met several brethren from Norfolk, No. 10, of Simcoe, who visited Vittoria on this occasion. I left the lodge well pleased with my trip, and also with the prosperous

condition of the craft in this village, and I felt that the destinies of the lodge were in good hands.

My next outing took in Springfield Lodge, No. 259, on November 26th, and Oriental Lodge, No. 181, of Port Burwell, on November 27th. My visit to Springfield lodge was one of unalloyed pleasure and profit to me. This is a thoroughly business lodge. They have a good comfortable room, of fairly large size, and well furnished. I was met by Bro. Tough, the manager of the Traders' Bank in the village, and W. Bro. George Mullen, who looked after my comfort and well being for the time at the hotel, where the best was none too good for me. I cannot speak too highly of the warmth of the hospitality of the brethren of this lodge. My welcome was courteous and fraternal to the last degree, and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit here. When lodge was called to order I met the W. M., W. Bro. McLaughlin, and W. Bro. Geo. Stewart and about 30 other brethren, as well as several visitors. Unfortunately there was no work for the evening, but the W. M. opened and closed in the different degrees. The work was beautifully done and showed close attention on the part of the officers to the various small details which mark exact work. The text was adhered to closely, and the Deacons in collecting the pass words performed their duty with military precision and correctness. The Wardens also deserved praise for their work, which showed that the efforts of W. Bros. Stewart and Mullen to bring their lodge up to a high standard of excellence had proved most successful. After the lodge was closed a banquet was spread in the room, which was made all the more enjoyable by the presence of the wives, daughters, etc., of the members. Music and song, with speeches and recitations interspersed, caused the meeting to pass all too quickly until the Junior Warden's toast and Auld Lang Syne brought to an end the most pleasant visit that fell to my lot during my official life. This lodge is enjoying great prosperity. There is not a cent of arrearages, and the dues of every brother were paid in full at the time of my visit, while the entire quota of the S. C. Fund for this lodge has been paid in to the Grand Secretary.

From here I went to Port Burwell and visited Oriental Lodge. This is one of the smallest lodges in the district. Being situated on the lake shore, and only two and a half

miles from Vienna, it cannot be expected to make any great progress. If it could be arranged in any way to amalgamate this lodge and Vienna lodge I think it would be in the best interests of both lodges, and a good strong lodge would be the result. The idea, however, did not seem to find any favor in the minds of the brethren. With all drawbacks Oriental is progressing. Slowly it may be, but the material taken in is good, and if the village increases in size there will yet be a good lodge in this place. The W. M., W. Bro. Backus, was just at the end of his term, and his successor is a young and energetic officer, who gives promise of being a good worker. A second degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Kemp for the W. M. The work on the part of the Master and Wardens was well done, but the deacon was not up to the mark. I would advise the incoming Master to maintain strict discipline during work and try and improve the floor work of his minor officers.

On December 12th I visited the lodge in Tillsonburg, King Hiram, No. 78, of which W. Bro. Denton was Master and W. Bro. Raynes the courteous and efficient Secretary. There were a number of visitors present from outside lodges. Two candidates were on hand for a first degree, and I had the pleasure of seeing the W. M. and his officers do the work, which was done in a highly creditable and finished manner. The officers thoroughly understood their work and performed it well, and the candidates were good bright subjects. After the first degree was conferred by the Master and officers of the lodge. I was requested to confer the degree on the second candidate, which I did, and I can only express the hope that the officers and members present were as well satisfied with my work as I was with theirs. This lodge had the misfortune a year or two ago to be burnt out, when they lost everything, so the members decided to build a Masonic home for themselves, which they did. They have the largest and one of the most beautiful rooms in the district. They are progressing well, both numerically, and in a year or two more will be out of debt and the owners of a good building and equipment. One thing that struck my attention was the very large membership of young men. There were but very few brethren in the room past the meridian of life. The officers were all young men and they are certainly to be compli-

mented on their courage and good work. The dues are well paid up and there are only very slight arrearages. This is one of the prosperous lodges of the district.

On the 27th of December I visited my mother lodge, Oxford, No. 76, and King Solomon, No. 43, of this city, of which I have also the honor to be a life member. We are generally visited by a goodly number of brethren from outside lodges, and this evening proved no exception. There was a large membership of the lodge present to welcome me, which the officers and brethren did right royally. It was the festival of St. John the Evangelist, it was the evening for installation of officers of Oxford Lodge, a duty which I had the honor to perform, and I had the pleasure of placing W. Bro. Sykes in the chair of King Solomon, where he had a good support by a staff of exceedingly capable and efficient officers. Both the lodges in this city are in a very flourishing condition, and both have added largely to their membership during the past year. The material added has been of the best possible kind, and the prospects for both lodges look very prosperous. At the close of the ceremony of installation I had the pleasure of presenting the retiring W. M. with a handsome jewel, to mark the appreciation of the brethren for his services. W. Bro. Down made a suitable reply and thanked the brethren for office, and his officers for their assistance and co-operation in the work of the year. At the close of the meeting a most enjoyable season was spent in the banquet room, where speeches and song held sway until the J. W.'s toast brought to an end a most pleasant and profitable evening.

Accompanied by Bros. Revell, Pond and Wilson, and W. Bros. Hewitt and Johnston, I visited Plattsville Lodge on the 28th of December. I found a good gathering of the members and was welcomed by W. Bro. Bristow, the W. M., and the Secretary, W. Bro. Henderson. As I had come for the purpose of installing the officers for the year there was no work on hand, so after the opening was completed I proceeded at once with the installation ceremony, after which I addressed the members present for a few minutes. The Semi-Centennial Fund underwent some discussion and several questions were asked me, which I disposed of to the best of my ability. The dues, etc., of this lodge are well paid up, and there are few ar-

rears, but on account of small membership and many members being absent continuously from the district the lodge is somewhat strained financially. I inspected the Secretary's books, and it certainly was a pleasure to me to see them. They are the best kept set in the district, and W. Bro. Henderson is to be complimented on the exceeding neatness and accuracy with which he does his work. Any minute required can be found in a moment, while the cash book was an ideal one. I complimented Bro. Henderson on his work, and he certainly deserved it.

On January 24th I visited Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, of Innerkip. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Sykes, Down and McGachie, and several brethren of King Solomon and Oxford lodges. The W. M., who was a physician, was unavoidably absent at the opening, so W. Bro. Town, the oldest Past Master and chief support of the lodge, performed the opening ceremony. I installed the officers for the year, in which I was assisted by several of the visiting brethren. This lodge, considering its small numbers, is in a good financial position. They own their room and building, which are well insured, and they have lately renovated the entire premises. They have had several initiations during the year, so are growing as well as can be expected. The lodge has a good executive officer in Bro. R. J. Irving, the Secretary, and to this fact they owe much of their success.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, of Norwich, was my next objective point, and I visited there on January 30th. I met R. W. Bro. Crysler, of Delhi; Rt. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy, W. Bro. Hulett, and a goodly number of the brethren of the lodge. I had the pleasure of seeing a third degree worked by W. Bro. Hulett, assisted by his officers, and there was very little to criticize in the work; it was well done. There was a slight amount of nervousness, which is natural in officers but newly installed, but this will soon disappear. Every officer knew his work and did it. This lodge is in good condition financially and numerically, and is growing in a very satisfactory manner. The dues are well paid up, very few members in arrears, thanks to the worthy Secretary, Bro. Poldon, who looks after his office in a businesslike manner and does not allow the members to fall behind for want of a reminder. The brethren here have paid in a large part of their assessment to the S. C. Fund, and more is forth-

coming. After the lodge was closed I spent a very pleasant time with the brethren in the banquet room until the fleeting hours forced us to stop, and I took my departure well pleased with the condition of St. John's, No. 104.

I visited Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, on February 26th. This is the oldest lodge in the district and the birthplace of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for here lived and died one of the grandest Masons in our country, Wm. Mercer Wilson, Esq., the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Here he practised and taught Masonry for many years, and his memory is still green among the brethren of No. 10. I met here W. Bro. Huffman, the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. McIntosh, and a number of brethren. The attendance was not large on account of the night. The W. M. and his officers worked a first degree in a very impressive and correct manner, and all the officers were well up in their duties and work. This lodge is doing well and is in a flourishing condition.

On the 27th February I drove over from Simcoe, accompanied by W. Bro. Haddon, of Waterford, to visit Wilson Lodge, No. 113. On my arrival there I was met by R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross and several brethren. After tea we proceeded to the lodge room, and then I had the pleasure of meeting visitors from Simcoe, Brantford, Rochester, U. S., and Scotland. Lodge opened in due form, after which a first and second degree were to be conferred, but the candidate for the first degree disappointed the Master and we had to open up and go on with the work in the second degree. This was conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Huffman, of Norfolk, No. 10, who had previously made this arrangement with the W. M. of Wilson Lodge, who was to have done the first degree. The officers of this lodge are well posted, thoroughly up in their work, and show evidence of careful training and rehearsal. They have a handsome room, well furnished, and exceedingly comfortable, and very convenient in all its appointments for the work in the several degrees. This lodge, in several respects, is the banner lodge of the district, with a membership of 130. They have not one cent of arrears on the books, and at the time of my visit every brother's dues were paid up in full. They have also paid in a very large part of their quota to the S. C. Fund. R. W. Bro. Ross is the moving spirit

of the lodge, and in conjunction with W. Bro. Bowlby, who presides over the affairs financial, they keep the lodge up to a high standard of efficiency. After the work of the evening was completed we adjourned to the Beemer House, where a bountiful repast was partaken of, and then speech, song and recitation followed until the "wee sma' hours," when the meeting broke up with

Happy to meet,
Sorry to part,
Happy to meet again.

The evening of March 1st found me in Ingersoll, where I paid my official visit to a joint meeting of King Hiram, No. 37, and St. John's, No. 68. I was accompanied on this trip by a large number of the brethren from Woodstock, as the electric road was very convenient both for going and returning. I witnessed a first degree by the officers of King Hiram Lodge. The degree was fairly well done. Some of the minor officers will improve by practice, and a few rehearsals would do no harm, more especially for the Deacons. The Wardens were well up in the work of their respective offices, and the Junior Warden's lecture was especially well given. After the work was finished I spoke to the brethren for a short time and explained some features of the S. C. Fund. I understand that a by-law has been passed in King Hiram to pay the full amount due from the lodge to this fund from the treasury of the lodge without calling on individual members to contribute, except in the case of life members, and they were appealed to personally and all agreed to pay their proportion. After the lodge closed we had refreshments in the lodge room and an hour of pleasant conversation with the brethren until the call to the car broke up a very pleasurable meeting.

March 26th I had the pleasure of a visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 82, of Paris. I was met at the station by R. W. Bro. James Smiley and taken to the hotel. After tea we adjourned to the lodge room, where we found the attendance small an account of the weather. There had been very heavy rain all afternoon, which prevented any outside brethren from coming to the meeting. Just after I arrived at the room a very severe thunder storm came up, and at the moment when I was announced a flash of lightning turned out all the electric light arrangements

and left the room in total darkness. After a considerable search the six candle holders belonging to the chapter were found, and with three of these on each side of the room, holding lighted candles, we held the meeting. There was no work, as none could be done under the circumstances. The Master opened and closed in the three degrees, which work was well done. The lodge is in good condition and progressing favorably, the material taken is the best obtainable, and I think the brethren are to be complimented on the high standard of candidates they admit. After the meeting we had a very profitable hour in the ante-room, where a lunch was spread, and I returned to my hotel well satisfied with the future of St. John's, No. 82.

I visited Thistle Lodge, No. 250, of Embro, on March 28th, and it was literally a case of working my passage. The roads were in a dreadful state, mud everywhere, and even the gravel roads were almost bottomless. I arrived in time to see the opening of the lodge. Here I met W. Bro. Jas. Brown, the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Green, W. Bro. Monroe, and Bro. Creighton, the Secretary. There was a candidate for the meeting, but on account of the roads he was unable to get in. Another applicant was balloted for and accepted. This lodge is improving. They have a comfortable new room, larger than the old one, and better furnished, and prospects for progress are bright. They are in fairly good financial circumstances, and taking everything into consideration Thistle Lodge is more firmly on its feet than it has been for some years. I was well entertained by the brethren of the lodge. The visit was a pleasure to me, and I hope profitable to the members.

On March 29th I had the great pleasure of making a visit with R. W. Bro. O'Neil, of London District No. 3, to Delaware Valley Lodge in the village of Delaware. The original lodge in this village was instituted by my father, R. W. Bro. John Dutton, of old Huron District, and he was the first Master of the lodge nearly 50 years ago. I found that all the old members had passed away except one, who I did not see on this trip, but I found in the Secretary, Bro. Wm. Harker, an old friend of my boyhood days. I enjoyed the trip exceedingly, and extend my thanks to Bro. O'Neil for his kindness in asking me to accompany him.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: I visited this lodge on April 10th and was met by R. W. Bro. Crysler and W. Bro. Wedd, who had arranged an emergency meeting for my visit. There was no work on hand, so the Master opened and closed in the several degrees. The officers are well up in their work and performed their several portions of the ceremony in good style. They have a very good room, of fair size, and convenient for degree work. The lodge is prosperous financially and increasing in numbers, and prospects are bright for a good year. After the meeting there was a short time of social chat and discussion in the banquet room, and the meeting broke up with Auld Lang Syne.

My official visit to Vienna Lodge, No. 237, of Vienna, was made on April 11th. Being unfortunate to miss the train connection from Delhi, I had to drive from Tilsonburg to this village over the worst roads I met in my rounds. On my arrival I hunted up R. W. Bro. Clutton and he soon found some of the rest of the brethren to whom I was introduced. After tea we went to the lodge room and found a goodly number present. The W. M. and officers conferred the second degree on an exceptionally bright candidate, and the work was generally well done. Some slight errors I called the attention of the officers to, and suggested some improvements, which I think will be carried out. There were several members of Oriental, Port Burwell, present, including the W. M., W. Bro. Hollywood, and the S. W., Bro. McCrimmon. This lodge is in comfortable circumstances. They own their lodge room, which is both neatly furnished and convenient. After the meeting we had the usual entertainment in the banquet room, which broke up at an early hour, as many of the members reside in the country, and the roads were so bad that driving was more of a labor than a pleasure.

I officially visited Erie Lodge, No. 149, of Port Dover, on June 10th. I was met at the station by W. Bro. Miller, R. W. Bro. Waddell, W. Bro. Davis, and several other brethren, who escorted me to my hotel, after which we repaired to the lodge room. There was an exceedingly good meeting and work in the first degree. The work done by the Master and his officers was very good and shows careful coaching on the part of R. W. Bros. Waddell and Dr. Kennedy. After the work I had the

honor and very great pleasure of presenting the regalia of a P. D. D. G. M. to R. W. Bro. Waddell, as a mark of appreciation by the district of his services whilst acting in the capacity of District Master. Bro. Waddell acknowledged the gift in a few well chosen remarks and thanked the brethren for their kindness. R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy then presented the I. P. M., W. Bro. Davis, with a P. M's jewel, and the W. brother made a feeling reply. "This lodge has a handsome new room, as they were unfortunate enough to be burnt out a year ago. The room is well appointed and well and comfortably furnished, and very convenient for the work of the several degrees. It is increasing in membership, and in a short time, when fully recovered from the effects of the fire and consequent after expense, will be in easy financial circumstances. This is a good lodge with very bright prospects.

On June 21st I visited Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, situated in Princeton. I was accompanied by Bro. Revell, of King Solomon Lodge, of Woodstock. This was an emergency meeting, called for the purpose of installing the officers for the year, which ceremony I performed. I had no opportunity of seeing any work, but from previous visits I know that the officers are good and capable men and fully posted in the work of their respective offices. I had the pleasure of being present when the W. M., W. Bro. Vickert, received his third degree, and I was very much pleased to see that the brethren had recognized his ability and energy by advancing him so rapidly to the Master's chair. Bro. Daniels is also a good and efficient Secretary and one of the mainstays of the lodge. I renewed an old acquaintance here with R. W. Bro. Smiley, who had come from Paris to be present at this meeting of his mother lodge. After the work of the evening I was royally entertained at a banquet at the Duke House, where we spent the hours in speech and song until I had to leave, as I had a twelve mile drive to get home. This lodge is growing slowly, but is in good condition, with good prospects for future welfare.

On the 26th of June I made my last official trip to Burford Lodge, No. 106, of Burford. I was accompanied by Bro. McQueen, W. Bro. Haddon, of Waterford Lodge, and Bro. L. E. Edwards, S. W. of King Solomon Lodge, Woodstock. We were met by several of the brethren of the lodge, and after tea conducted to the

lodge room, where we were welcomed by W. Bro. Leigh, R. W. Bro. Miles, W. Bro. Armstrong, the Secretary, and a number of others. There were also visitors present from Guelph, Toronto, Scotland and Brantford. A second degree was conferred on a very good candidate by the Master and his officers, and the work was done in a masterly style. All the officers are well up in their work, and I had no criticism to offer. I suggested some slight improvements in the work to the minor officers, and my recommendations were well received. The lodge is in good shape, with a good room, and work ahead for some time. After we had completed the work of the evening we adjourned to the hotel near by, where a splendid banquet was prepared. After full justice had been done to the inner man speeches and song were the order of the evening, interspersed with stories and anecdotes told by Col. McQueen in his own peculiar style, which were thoroughly enjoyed by those present. After Auld Lang Syne had been sung I took leave of the brethren, and with this function closed my official life as D. D. G. M. of Wilson District No. 6.

On April 29th Oxford Lodge, No. 76, of Woodstock, celebrated her semi-centennial anniversary in a manner fitting the occasion. A large number of invitations were sent out by the W. M., W. Bro. Sykes, and we were honored by the presence of a number of Grand Lodge officers, but unfortunately M. W. Bro. Burritt was unable to attend owing to a prior engagement. R. W. Bro. Freed, D. G. M., ably filled the chair, assisted by M. W. Bro. Malone, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and a number of visiting brethren from all the lodges within, and many without the district. The feature of the evening's work was the conferring of a first degree on a good candidate by a staff of officers composed wholly of P. D. D. G. M's, selected according to seniority. The officers for the occasion were: W. M., R. W. Bro. W. A. Karn; S. W., R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy; J. W., R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross; S. D., R. W. Bro. Waddell; J. D., R. W. Bro. James Smiley; S. S., R. W. Bro. Capt. Cox; J. S., R. W. Bro. Allshire; Chaplain, R. W. Bro. O'Neil, of London District No. 3; I. G., R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy; Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler; Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Crysler; Organist, R. W. Bro. Eden, and Tyler, R. W. Bro. Dutton. After the minutes of fifty years ago had been read

and countersigned by the present Master the work was proceeded with, and the manner in which it was done showed fully that the brethren had lost none of their ancient cunning in the art. At the conclusion of the degree the officers of the lodge resumed their respective positions and R. W. Bro. Freed addressed some remarks to the lodge in which he congratulated them on their long and successful career. He was followed by M. W. Bro. Malone, Grand Treasurer, and M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, who put forward in a forcible manner the necessity for the Semi-Centennial Fund, and giving data as to the present condition of the fund. After the lodge closed the members of the Craft present adjourned to the handsome banqueting room of the lodge adjacent, where a banquet was given that was a credit to the caterer, Bro. Wm. Rice. After the good things had been disposed of speeches were made by a number of distinguished visitors present, and musical selections and songs were rendered by the orchestra and soloists of the two lodges of the city. A large number of toasts were drunk and responded to, and the Junior Warden's toast brought to an end one of the best and most successful Masonic functions ever held in the city of Woodstock.

In conclusion, I may say that I have endeavored to do my duty to Wilson District to the best of my ability, and I trust that the best interests of the district have not suffered while in my charge. I have been met everywhere with uniform courtesy and fraternal goodwill by the Masters, officers and brethren of the different lodges that I have visited. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the district, and I have never been called upon to adjust any difficulties or smooth over any rough places. The lodges have contributed liberally to my expenses and rendered me every assistance in the due performance of my duties. In taking leave of the brethren of the district I will ever remember with gratitude and pleasure the very many pleasant hours spent with them in the different lodges visited, and express the sincere hope that my visits may have been as pleasant to them as they were pleasant and profitable to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN W. DUTTON, D. D. G. M.,

Wilson District No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 21th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degrees conferred		Affiliations.			Resignations.	Suspensions, P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Deceased.				Regular.	Emergency.	Total.											
10	No. folk.....	Simcoe	126	15	10	11	12	12	4	...	3	5	...	2	11	10	21	32	\$40 00	7	% 61 75	June 25, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 300 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	122	11	4	11	15	12	1	...	3	1	...	2	13	8	21	20	25 00	15	100 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Exce Int	No	400 00
43	King Sol'n. Woodstock	Woodstock	156	16	3	15	15	12	1	...	1	1	...	14	10	24	35	20	25 00	10	100 00	Dec. 27, '06	Ex. Good	Good	Yes	1400 00
68	St. John's. Ingersoll	Ingersoll	89	9	7	9	7	6	...	...	7	...	...	14	14	14	20	103 00	103 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	177	19	5	18	15	14	3	3	3	...	...	2	14	12	26	31	56 00	17	137 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Exce Int	Yes	1400 00
78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg	170	10	11	8	11	4	2	4	2	...	...	1	13	5	18	20	...	50	150 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Exce Int	Yes	600 00
82	St. John	Paris	64	4	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	2	...	12	11	13	18	...	14	83 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
104	St. John	Norwich	86	3	...	6	4	5	1	1	4	1	...	13	3	16	16	...	17 00	11	34 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	500 00
106	Burford	Burford	73	4	1	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	2	15	18	30	200 00	July, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
108	Blenheim	Princeton	33	3	...	3	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	9	1	10	14	...	4	51 62	June 24, '07	Fair	Good	No	100 00	
113	Wilson	Waterford	130	7	2	7	9	7	1	1	1	...	...	13	14	16	20	32	10 20	...	Dec. 26, '06	Good	Good	No	650 00	
149	Erie	Port Dover	65	4	3	3	3	3	1	...	3	...	...	12	4	16	20	...	14	41 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	300 00	
174	Wasing m. Port Rowan	Port Rowan	61	6	...	6	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	10	3	13	16	...	9	27 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	1200 00	
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	41	4	3	3	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	2	13	14	13	...	6	59 35	Feb. 25, '07	Good	Exce Int	Yes	250 00	
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	35	2	...	2	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	15	12	...	16	108 75	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Bright	No	300 00	
193	Scotland	Scotland	81	6	...	6	5	7	...	...	1	...	...	12	12	25	25	...	40 00	35	100 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	V'y Good	Yes	150 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	67	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	9	2	11	19	...	...	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00	
237	Vienna	Vienna	52	4	6	4	3	4	...	...	4	2	...	12	12	14	15	...	25 00	14	88 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	550 00
250	Thistle	Embro	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '07	Good	A 1	Yes	800 00
289	Springfield	Springfield	42	4	1	4	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	8	...	...	8	8 00	8	35 75	June 24, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
261	Oak Br'nch	Innerkip	29	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40 00	Jan. 26, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
359	Victoria	Victoria	48	2	...	2	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	12	1	13	15	...	...	11	40 00	Jan. 26, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT NO. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL, SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District during the past year. First, I wish to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for the honor conferred on me in electing me to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district for the past year, and for the uniform courtesy, kindness and consideration with which I have been treated on all occasions.

I have visited every lodge in the district once, and some of them oftener.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary W. Bro. Walter Renwick, of New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler. I addressed a circular letter to all the lodges in the district calling attention to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and asking for notices of all meetings from Secretaries of lodges.

Under permission of Galt Lodge, No. 257, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Galt on November 29th, 1906, which was well attended by the brethren of the district, about 130 being present. Lodge opened at 2.50 p. m. with the officers of Galt Lodge in the chairs. R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson was then presented with a complete set of P. D. D. G. M. regalia by R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, of Alma Lodge, No. 72, on behalf of the lodges of the district. R. W. Bro. Stephenson replied in a few well chosen remarks, expressing his appreciation of the high honor conferred on him by the lodges in the district, and the pleasure it had been to him to discharge his duties as D. D. G. M. The work in the first degree was then exemplified by the officers of Ayr Lodge, No. 172, in a manner that received the commendation of all present. The officers of Preston Lodge, No. 297, then exemplified the work of the second degree in excellent style. After

tea the officers of Alma Lodge, No. 72, put on the work of the third degree in a very creditable manner, leaving no room for criticism. Some discussion ensued as to the repeated changes in the work, and the opinion of a number of P. D. D. G. M's was then expressed that the ancient usages and established customs should not be interfered with. The lodge closed at 10.40 p. m. I requested Galt Lodge to endeavor to have real candidates ready for the occasion, a request which was complied with, and lent to the work that reality that is necessary to preserve its solemnity. All the work of the afternoon and evening was exceedingly well done, and I feel that my thanks are due to, and are hereby tendered, all the lodges who took part, and especially to Galt Lodge, No. 257, and Alma Lodge, No. 72, for permitting us to use their beautiful lodge rooms and for their united efforts to make the meeting a success.

I forwarded to the M. W. the Grand Master for approval the By-laws of Preston Lodge, No. 297, which were duly approved by him. I have forwarded a number of applications for dispensations to elect and install officers at other times than the by-laws call for, to attend divine service, to appear in Masonic clothing in public, etc. These dispensations I had no power to grant but forwarded the same to the Grand Master.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report that nine lodges lost members by death during the year, seventeen of our brethren having passed to the Grand Lodge above.

VISITS.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: I began my official visits with this, my mother lodge, on September 26th. Past Masters filled the chairs and conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner. I was very pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Geo. Tait, of Toronto; J. G. Liddell, of Brantford; A. Taylor and J. W. Porteous, of Galt; D. B. Miller, of Preston, and R. Mahony, of Guelph. Prospects for New Hope Lodge are very good.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 259, Drayton: I visited this lodge on November 6th. The W. M., W. Bro. Scarr, is well up in the work. The work of the evening, an initiation, was well done. The lodge books are kept in good shape by V. W. Bro. W. H. Smith, the efficient Secretary.

I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Cowan, of Galt, and was very pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Burns, of Elora, and W. Bro. Lambert, of Harriston. After the meeting a very pleasant time was spent at the festive board.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited this lodge on November 16th, accompanied by R. W. Bros. Mahoney and W. G. Stephenson, of Guelph. This is, without doubt, one of the best lodges of the district. The third degree was conferred on two candidates in a flawless manner, and W. Bro. Kerr and his officers are to be commended. R. W. Bro. Burns keeps the lodge books in excellent shape. The prospects of Irvine Lodge are bright. After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited this lodge November 19th. The second degree was conferred very well, the officers proving their ability to care for the lodge work. I was pleased to meet W. Bros. Lambert and Scudamore, of Harriston. The prospects of Clifford Lodge are good.

St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, Mt. Forest: I visited this lodge on November 20th. There being no work before the lodge I had it opened in the several degrees, which was done very well. The efficiency of St. Albans Lodge is in a great measure due to the untiring work of W. Bro. J. Ireland. After the meeting an entertaining half hour was spent in the banquet room.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: I visited this lodge on November 21st, accompanied by W. Bro. John Potter, of Elora. I found the officers well skilled and enthusiastic. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Conboy. The prospects of this lodge are good. After the meeting we spent a very pleasant time in the banquet room.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: I visited this lodge on December 11th. The officers do their work well and the prospects of Guelph Lodge are bright. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Savage and R. Mahoney, also R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson, of Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph. We spent a pleasant hour in the banquet room, where speeches, songs, etc., kept time from hanging heavy.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: I visited this lodge on December 28th. This being their regular 'Past Masters' night the chairs were filled by Past Masters, who did the work in the style for which Alma lodge is noted. I do

not believe that Past Masters' night is the best night for an official visit of the D. D. G. M., but as I have sat in Alma Lodge several times during my term of office I know that the regular officers can work all degrees and that Alma Lodge has not gone back. Prospects of Alma Lodge are good. After the lodge closed the meeting adjourned to the banquet room, where the brethren proved that they were efficient hosts and able to care for the entertainment.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge on January 15th, 1907. It being Past Masters' night, the regular officers were not in their chairs, but as I have visited this lodge on several occasions I know that W. James Cowan and his officers are well up in the work in all degrees and are enthusiastic. Galt Lodge is indebted to R. W. Bros. Taylor and Cowan and W. Bros. W. Mitchell and Geo. Thomas, for their untiring attendance and attention to the interests of the lodge. The greatest harmony prevails in Galt between Alma and Galt lodges, and an especially pleasant evening is always the result of a visit to either lodge. A very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room after the closing of the lodge.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: I visited this lodge March 1st and found the W. M., W. Bro. Gow, energetic and able to work all degrees. I am sure that Mercer lodge will not suffer any during W. Bro. Gow's term of office. The lodge books are well kept by the efficient Secretary, W. Bro. T. N. Wansbrough. The prospects of this lodge are good. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Burns, W. Bro. John Potter, and a number of other brethren of Elora. After the meeting a splendid hour was spent around the festive board.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge on March 11th. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in fairly good style. Harriston lodge should have a bright future before it. I feel under special obligation to W. Bro. E. Lambert for the courtesy shown me on the occasion of my visit to Harriston Lodge and other occasions when it was possible for him to make it pleasant for me. After lodge closed a very pleasant hour was spent getting acquainted in the banquet room.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge on March 25th. W. Bro. B. Gummer, W. M., is, I believe, the youngest W. M. in the district, being only

24 years of age, but he, as well as the other officers of the lodge, is well skilled and enthusiastic. A candidate was initiated and the work was put on well. After the meeting a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: I visited this lodge on March 29th, accompanied by a number of brethren from Hespeler. I was pleased to meet W. Bros. Collins and Smith, of Alma Lodge, Galt. The officers of Preston Lodge are able to work all the degrees well. Preston lodge has lately moved into new quarters, and the new rooms are commodious and homelike. Prospects are bright and the material in Preston lodge is of the best. A very pleasant and entertaining hour was spent in the banquet room after closing the lodge.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited this lodge on April 22nd, accompanied by Bro. E. Brocklebank, of Prince Arthur Lodge, Arthur. W. Bro. J. E. McIntyre, W. M., and the other officers of the lodge proved their ability to care for any Masonic work that might come before them by the able manner in which they conferred the second degree on a candidate. W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre, Secretary, has an exceptionally good set of lodge books. The prospects of Scott lodge are the best. Scott lodge is indebted to W. Bro. Jas. McClelland and W. Bro. Preston for their untiring efforts on behalf of the lodge. After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: I visited this lodge on April 23rd. The officers conferred a second degree very well, W. Bro. J. E. Smith being a very efficient W. M. I was pleased to meet V. W. Bro. Robert Mann, also to again meet W. Bro. Preston, of Scott lodge. After the meeting the brethren adjourned to the banquet room to enjoy lunch and speeches, which were very entertaining.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I visited this lodge on April 24th. The W. M., W. Bro. R. T. Tindale, and officers, are well up in their work, and Prince Arthur Lodge is, I think, in better condition than ever, and if the Past Masters will give the lodge the proper attention the prospects of Prince Arthur Lodge should be bright. I was very pleased to again meet W. Bro. Preston, of Scott Lodge, who had been with me for the last three evenings. Bro. G. I. Campbell, J. W. of Scott

Lodge, had the misfortune to break his arm on the train while coming from Grand Valley on this evening, which made the evening hardly as enjoyable as it otherwise would have been. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room with speeches and other good things.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I visited this lodge officially on May 2nd. W. Bro. Brooker, W. M., occupied the East, with W. Bro. Ireland in the West and W. Bro. Arthur Gunn in the South. The first degree was conferred on a candidate in a very efficient style. To the Past Masters who occupied the Warden's chairs is no doubt due the creditable showing of Durham lodge. After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I visited this lodge on May 3rd. V. W. Bro. Hyndman, W. M., occupied the East and conferred a second degree fairly well. There seems to be some friction in this lodge, but, if handled properly by the Past Masters, the prospects of Blair lodge should be bright.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: I visited this lodge on May 14th, accompanied by W. Bros. C. M. Schultz, A. Jardine and Bro. Wesley Clark, of Hespeler. W. Bro. DeKleinhaus, W. M., ably supported by the Wardens, initiated a candidate in faultless style. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. D. Forsyth and V. W. Bro. J. H. Landreth, also R. W. Bro. Müller, of Preston. W. Bro. Houston makes a very efficient Secretary. The prospects of this lodge are bright. After the meeting a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room.

May 21st, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous and Bro. W. C. Burns, of Galt. W. Bro. J. Q. Reid, W. M., and the Wardens are men of ability and enthusiastic Masons, and worked the first degree in a very creditable style. Ayr lodge had the misfortune to lose its W. M. last year by the removal of W. Bro. Verchere from the district early in his term of office, and much of the continued success of the lodge is due to the efforts of W. Bros. R. Anderson and W. A. Reid. Prospects of this lodge are good. After the meeting a pleasant time was spent at lunch.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: I visited this lodge on June 4th accompanied by W. Bro. A. Jardine. The W. M., W. Bro. Skinner, and other officers conferred a

first degree in an able manner.' I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, of Guelph Lodge, No. 258; W. Bro. W. Mahoney, W. M. of Guelph Lodge, No. 258, and R. W. Bros. Scoon and Stephenson, of Speed lodge. The prospects of Speed lodge are good. After the meeting the usual pleasant time was spent at the festive board, where speeches, songs, etc., were in order.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the courtesy and kindness invariably shown me while attending to my official duties, and feel sure that my successor will receive the same generous support that has been accorded me. I would like to call the attention of some of the Secretaries of the district to the fact that the report of the D. D. G. M. should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary two weeks before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and urge upon them their responsibility in the matter. Each Secretary should have the report for his lodge mailed to the D. D. G. M. not later than June 26th, and by so doing will materially aid the D. D. G. M. I wish especially to thank the P. D. D. G. M's of the district for their continual support and advice, always cheerfully given whenever needed, also to assure the brethren of the district that I shall never forget the many pleasant hours spent with them, and hope that the profit and pleasure derived from the meetings has been beneficial to all.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN JARDINE, D. D. G. M.,

Wellington District No. 7.

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It affords me very great pleasure to present the report of my official acts as D. D. G. M. and upon the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District No. 8 for the year ending 24th June, 1907.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary W. Bro. George H. Bull, the efficient Secretary of Barton Lodge, No. 6. I could not have had a more faithful Secretary. He accompanied me on sixteen of my official visits, and by close attendance to correspondence and other duties rendered the routine portion of my work very light indeed. I am also greatly indebted to V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister for acting as District Secretary when making four of my visits, and to V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedlar and W. Bro. Fred. H. Yapp for acting in a similar capacity when I made the only other visits on which my District Secretary was not with me.

On the afternoon and evening of Saturday, the 20th day of October, I had the honor, at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, of acting for him at a special communication of Grand Lodge, convened for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, in the city of Hamilton, when I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Donald McPhie, as Acting D. G. M.; F. J. Howell, as Acting G. S. Warden; R. V. Mathews, as Acting G. J. Warden; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bros. Rev. F. E. Howitt, as Acting Grand Chaplain; R. A. Hutchison, as Acting D. D. G. M.; W. F. Miller, as Installing Officer, and V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedlar, as Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies. About thirty other Past Masters and distinguished brethren of the district took part in this interesting ceremony. Dundurn lodge begins its career under very favorable auspices under the guidance and

control of W. Bro. John Hooper and his very efficient staff of officers, and will, I have no doubt, rapidly become one of the strong lodges of the district.

During the past year the officers and members of Burlington Lodge, No. 165, finding that it would be necessary to vacate the lodge room in which the meetings of the lodge had been held for many years, determined to form a joint stock company for the purpose of acquiring certain property in the village and furnishing a part of the building on such property as convenient and proper rooms for holding the meetings of said lodge. With most commendable enterprise these brethren promptly subscribed the necessary stock and the purchase was made of suitable and profitable property and a hall much more commodious than the former one, with all necessary ante-rooms, handsomely equipped and furnished. At the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and acting for him, I had the honor of presiding at a special communication of Grand Lodge convened for the purpose of dedicating these new rooms, on Tuesday evening, May 7th, 1907. About 40 members of the Grand Lodge were present, principally from Hamilton, all of whom assisted in this dedication, among whom were R. W. Bros. W. F. Miller, F. J. Howell, R. V. Mathews, John Hoodless, George C. Holden, C. V. Emory and T. M. Davis, and V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedlar. Bro. James Johnston very materially assisted by leading the singing. The dedicatory ceremony was followed by addresses from various visiting brethren from Hamilton, Oakville, Milton, Stoney Creek and Watford, and also by the W. M. of Burlington Lodge, W. Bro. J. A. Pettit.

I visited officially each of the twenty-two lodges in my district at least once during the year, and also made a number of other fraternal visits. In the lodge room on each of my official visits I urged upon the officers and members the great importance of reducing the amount of arrears of dues to the smallest possible sum. I always strongly advised the lodges to promptly suspend all members who are financially able to pay the small sums required of them as annual dues but who appreciate the benefits and privileges of Freemasonry so little as to neglect to pay same; at the same time as strongly urging that the dues of all worthy members, unable to pay same, should be promptly remitted. In one lodge this advice

was followed most heroically and that lodge ended the year with no arrears of dues whatever. With several of the lodges the amount of such arrears is very small, but with a number the amount is still large. In comparing the returns with previous years there appears to be an improvement in this particular in the majority of the lodges of the district. The other matter of most importance which I constantly placed before the brethren of the district was the duty and necessity of each lodge contributing without delay its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. I am happy to report that my own mother lodge, Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton, heads the list, having contributed \$1,115.05, and more than one hundred dollars more than its full quota of \$3 per member. The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, comes next, having contributed \$1,100.80, and over \$65 more than the amount asked by Grand Lodge. Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, has contributed \$666.00, being its full quota. From the returns furnished me up to the date of writing my report it does not appear that any of the other lodges in the District have paid to this fund the full amount asked for by Grand Lodge. The following lodges have contributed not less than \$100.00, namely: The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, \$511.00; Doric, No. 121, Brantford, \$287.50; Valley, No. 100, Dundas, \$179.00; Oakville, No. 400, Oakville, \$129.00; Credit, No. 219, Georgetown, \$126.00.

The lodges in this district numerically are very strong. Five out of the seven strongest lodges numerically on the register of our Grand Lodge are in the Hamilton District. Financially most of our lodges are in a very prosperous condition. Freemasonry is a powerful moral force in the life of the communities in this district. Peace, harmony and brotherly love prevail. I have found no discord or friction among the brethren. Twenty of the lodges show an increase in membership and only two a decrease during the past Masonic year. The work is generally well done, and the lodges are as a rule well officered by enthusiastic lovers of the Craft.

Freemasonry is generally recognized as (1) a social (2) a benevolent and (3) a moral and educational institution. The social feature of the Craft never has been, is not now, and I believe never will be neglected in this district. The benevolent character of our Order is most

commendable and has received due emphasis. Believing, however, that Masons generally, and particularly the younger members of the fraternity, cannot have too frequently the worth of Freemasonry as a beautiful system of morality called to their attention, my addresses during the past year in reply to the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Canada" on the occasion of each of my official visits have been upon one of the following seven subjects, namely: (1) Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; (2) Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; (3) Seven Lamps of Freemasonry; (4) Some Uses and Abuses of Freemasonry; (5) A Canadian Mason as a Citizen; (6) Why Freemasonry is Attractive and Powerful, and (7) The Ideals of a Young Lodge.

It is my sad duty to report that all of the lodges of the district, with two exceptions, have during the past year been visited by death. Among the brethren who have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above are: W. Bro. Richard Quance, a Past Master of Oakville Lodge, No. 400, and formerly of Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook, and W. Bros. John T. Elliott and David Downey, Past Masters of St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton.

The following is a brief summary of my official visits of inspection during the year:

VISITS.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster, on October 2nd, 1906, accompanied by a number of Hamilton brethren. The officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. This lodge is in a good financial position and owns its own building, which includes a commodious banquet room. There was a good attendance. All present had a most pleasant and profitable time. Seymour lodge is making good progress.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook, on 31st October, 1906, accompanied by about 12 distinguished brethren. This was the occasion of the semi-centennial celebration of the formation of this lodge. A very interesting sketch of the lodge's history was read by the Master, W. Bro. D. G. McIlwraith, M. D. Addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by visiting brethren and by many members of the lodge both in the lodge room and at the banquet which followed. This lodge enjoys the distinction of being the only one in the district having no members in arrears for dues and having no arrears of

dues whatever on June 24th, 1907. Its membership is not large, but the prospects for the future are improved.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford, on November 13th, 1906, accompanied by several Hamilton brethren. This is a strong lodge of about 200 members. The officers do their work very well indeed. The attendance was good and the meeting was in every way successful. The initiations during the year had been 17. This lodge is in a good financial position and occupies a very high position in every way among the lodges of the district.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek, on November 26th, 1906, accompanied by a number of brethren from Hamilton. A large number of the brethren of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, and Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, were also present. The attendance of officers and members was good. The second degree was worked creditably. This lodge is growing, has a membership of 141, and is in a good financial position. The hall is large and they have a fine banquet room in the same building. The brethren of Wentworth Lodge are noted for their hospitality.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton, on Tuesday, December 11th, 1906, when I conducted the elections. Good officers were elected for the ensuing year. The utmost harmony and good fellowship characterized the meeting. The lodge had just closed a very successful year under the leadership of W. Bro. T. H. Hayhurst. Liabilities were reported as nil and \$400 cash in the bank. There were about 100 present, including visitors.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, on December 14th, 1906, when I conducted the elections. The reception accorded me by this my mother lodge was most cordial. The night was a very rainy one, nevertheless this was one of the largest and most successful annual meetings ever held by this large and prosperous lodge. The lodge had just closed a very successful year under the guidance of its very talented Master, W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope. About 150 members and visitors were present, and an excellent staff of officers was elected. This lodge is in a strong numerical and financial position and has earned a well deserved reputation for the accuracy and impressiveness with which the ritualistic work is always done. At the banquet M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray gave a most interesting address in response to the toast of "The King and the Craft."

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, on December 20th, 1906, when I conducted the election of officers. There was a large attendance. The first degree was worked in a satisfactory manner. It was most gratifying to observe the great interest the Past Masters of the lodge take in its affairs, there being 24 of them present at this annual meeting. This lodge is the largest numerically in the district, ending the year with 429 members. St. John's Lodge is also among the strongest lodges of the district financially.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, on December 21st, 1906, when I conducted the election of officers. The attendance was good. W. Bro. W. C. Morton, as Secretary, has a most wonderful record, particularly as a collector of dues. He closed the year ending 24th June, 1907, with only three members in arrears and with only \$6.50 of arrears. This is a most wonderful showing with a membership of 387. A quartette of excellent singers, members of the lodge, contribute greatly to the success and pleasure of all the meetings. This lodge has contributed fairly well to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. In every respect the Lodge of Strict Observance is in a very prosperous condition. On the occasion of my visit R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Deseronto, Ont., was present and gave an exceedingly brilliant lecture on what Freemasonry has to offer a man, socially, mentally and morally.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington, on December 26th, 1906, accompanied by about 10 brethren from Hamilton. This was the last meeting held by this lodge in its old hall. I conducted the election of officers. The attendance was good. The membership has now passed the 100 mark and the lodge is in good financial condition. I had the pleasure later of attending the annual "At Home" of the lodge held at the Brant House, which was a very successful and enjoyable occasion. Burlington lodge is one of the most progressive in the district.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton, on January 28th, 1907, accompanied by three Hamilton brethren. Visitors were also present from Georgetown and Milton and from Erin lodge in Wellington district, and also from lodges in England and Scotland. The membership then was 52. This lodge is doing a fair amount of work, and at the time of my visit had a cash balance of \$385.00 in the

Treasury. The second degree was conferred upon two candidates in a most admirable manner. The officers are nearly all young, intelligent and enthusiastic Masons.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, on February 15th, 1907. The officers and members of this lodge did not work any complete degrees, but did exemplify the lectures and charges in a very interesting and proficient manner. The attendance was large. The membership was then 352, and is rapidly increasing. In the twelve months immediately preceding my visit there had been 34 initiations and 109 degrees in all conferred. I cannot speak too highly of the zeal, skill and enthusiasm by the W. M. officers and members of this lodge. Its assets amount to about \$3,000.00.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia, at an emergent meeting held on 20th February, 1907, accompanied by V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, who acted as District Secretary. The night was very stormy, and as a large percentage of the brethren live a considerable distance from the place of meeting only nine members were present. The membership at the end of 1906 was 52. This lodge is not progressing as I would like to see it, but the officers informed me that the prospects for the future were brighter. The third degree was worked satisfactorily. V. W. Bro. James Olds, who has been a Mason for 42 years, has always been a tower of strength to this lodge, and I am happy to say still continues to take a deep interest in its welfare.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove, on February 26th, 1907 accompanied by several Hamilton Past Masters and brethren. A number of brethren were also present from Valley Lodge, Dundas, and Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro. The first degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner. The lodge is making fair progress. The lodge is in good financial position. The speeches of the members of the lodge at the banquet were of a very high degree of merit. The lodge is well officered and has very good prospects.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, on February 28th, 1907, accompanied by three brethren from Hamilton. The attendance was good. One candidate was initiated and the work was done very accurately. This lodge has had a decrease of 2 in membership during the past year, but I am assured the prospects for the future are good.

The amount of outstanding dues did not appear to be excessive.

St. George's Lodge, No. 243, St. George, on March 28th, 1907, accompanied by the District Secretary. Being the evening before a holiday it was not possible to get a large contingent of visitors from Hamilton, and owing to the impassable condition of the roads no visitors from neighboring lodges could be present. About 25 members were in attendance. The second degree was conferred in an admirable manner on one candidate. The lodge finances are in good shape, except that the amount of outstanding dues is large. The lodge is doing a fair amount of work. Present membership is 77, and the prospects of growth are encouraging.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville, on April 23rd, 1907, accompanied by a number of visiting brethren from Hamilton. The first degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner. A number of visitors were present from Burlington Lodge. The attendance was good. The membership is growing and this lodge is in a good financial position. This lodge is well officered. The charge in the Book of Constitution to the newly initiated candidate by W. Bro. John Keating, one of the oldest Past Masters, was exceedingly well delivered. The meeting was very pleasant and profitable to all present.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, on April 28th, accompanied by three Hamilton brethren. Several visitors were also present from Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton. The third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. This lodge has a surplus of nearly \$600.00. The amount outstanding for arrears of dues is small. The increase in membership during the past year is small, but I believe that this lodge will soon become as vigorous as formerly. I was informed that the members had subscribed more than their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund and \$126.00 had been paid in on account thereof. A good number of Past Masters take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas, on May 13th, 1907, accompanied by a number of Hamilton brethren. A number of visitors were also present from Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro. The second degree was conferred in a very accurate and impressive manner. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel, on be-

half of the lodge, to the Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. W. H. Bates. The attendance was good. The lodge has made good progress during the past year, is in a good financial position, and has paid to the Grand Secretary to date about two-thirds of its liability to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro, on May 23, 1907, accompanied by ten brethren from Hamilton. Several visitors were also present from Valley and Water-down lodges. The second degree was exemplified in a fairly satisfactory manner. This lodge has been making very good progress during the past twelve months. It is in a good financial position. The visiting brethren and myself were received and entertained in a truly fraternal manner.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, on June 9th, 1907, when I conducted the election of the officers for the ensuing year. The first degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner upon one candidate. A pleasing feature of the evening was an unexpected visit by a number of the officers and members of Washington Lodge, No. 240, of Buffalo, N. Y. Another most gratifying event in the evening's proceedings was the report, received with great enthusiasm, that old Barton Lodge had not failed in doing its duty with regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but that more than the amount asked for by the Grand Lodge had been paid over to the Grand Secretary. The meeting was very pleasant and successful. R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, D. G. M., was present and assisted me in responding to the toast of the "Grand Lodge of Canada" at the banquet.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, Hamilton, at the regular meeting held on June 15th, 1907. It being a Saturday night, the attendance was not large. This new lodge is making rapid progress. The membership is now 67, and it is expected that it will reach 100 in the next twelve months. The lodge has \$125.00 on hand, with all liabilities paid. The first degree was conferred in an able manner. I tried to give the officers and members all the good advice I could, taking as the subject of my address "The Ideals of a Young Lodge."

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, at the regular meeting held on June 17th, 1907. I conducted the election of officers. The attendance was unusually large and great

interest was manifested in the proceedings. This lodge is making great progress, and it is doubtful if any other lodge in the district is as strong financially as this comparatively young lodge. During the evening a cheque payable to the Grand Secretary was handed to me for the balance owing to the Semi-Centennial Fund, Doric lodge thus being the third lodge in the City of Hamilton to do its full duty in this respect and to set a good example to the other lodges in the district. This annual meeting was a most decided success in every way.

In making my report with respect to the individual lodges I have not thought it necessary or advisable to give many statistics, owing to the fact that a fairly complete statistical schedule is annexed to and forms a part of my report.

I take this opportunity of extending my most sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for unanimously electing me one year ago and for the very kind and fraternal reception which I have received from all the brethren of the district during the past Masonic year. My duties, whilst onerous, have been exceedingly pleasant.

I also desire to conclude this report by expressing my sincere thanks to the many Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters and members of the various lodges in the district who have accompanied me on my various official visits and in many ways rendered me great assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

LYMAN LEE, D. D. G. M.,

Hamilton District-No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 21th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.	Degree's		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. I.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total	Increase during year.		F. C.	M. M.		Conf'd	Regular.						Emergent.	Total.										
6	The Barton	Hamilton	370	17	...	19	17	18	9	...	4	...	...	7	12	9	21	65	\$55 50	15	\$ 273	23	June 21, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
27	Strict Obs.	Hamilton	387	20	...	20	18	18	9	...	3	...	...	6	13	8	21	61	84 50	3	6 50	June 24, '07	Excellent	Good	Yes	Jointly	
40	St. John's	Hamilton	429	5	...	17	15	15	5	...	2	...	...	3	12	7	19	53	146 50	83	307 80	June 24, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	Jointly	
45	Brant	Brantford	203	17	...	15	13	12	3	...	1	...	...	2	12	10	22	60	80 00	29	356 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
57	Harmony	Burlington	35	12	...	1	3	2	1	...	6	...	...	1	14	...	...	12	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Improved	No	900 00	
61	Acacia	Hamilton	365	16	...	16	19	18	11	...	3	...	...	6	13	6	19	45	65 00	63	145 75	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
62	St. Andrews	Caledonia	55	2	...	3	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	12	1	13	12	5 00	9	77 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
100	Valley	Dundas	128	6	...	7	7	5	1	...	1	...	...	1	13	3	16	25	30 00	24	150 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
121	Doric	Brantford	362	16	...	23	24	33	5	...	2	...	...	8	11	24	35	23	305 70	43	130 50	Dec. 27, '06	Excellent	Good	Yes	1000 00	
135	St. Clair	Milton	94	...	...	4	7	6	...	...	3	...	...	3	11	5	16	23	20 00	6	51 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
165	Burlington	Burlington	101	8	...	8	6	2	2	...	1	...	...	2	14	3	17	22	25 00	9	30 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00	
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	141	2	...	3	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	4	16	35	34 00	13	75 00	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
219	Credit	Georgetown	87	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	...	...	16	...	...	...	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
243	St. George	St. George	77	4	...	6	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	13	5	18	23	70 00	25	163 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	V'y Fair	Yes	600 00	
272	Seymour	Ancaster	107	6	...	8	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	1	13	35	5 00	17	130 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	450 00	
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	85	6	...	14	11	11	...	...	1	...	...	1	13	...	...	17	10 00	22	86 50	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
321	Walker	Acton	53	4	...	6	6	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	14	6	20	16	10 00	2	4 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00	
324	Temple	Hamilton	336	5	...	10	11	14	4	...	3	...	...	3	12	4	16	41	178 60	50	156 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	Jointly	
357	Waterdwn	Millgrove	98	4	...	8	7	6	...	...	2	...	...	1	12	5	17	19	65 00	18	100 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200 10	
382	Doric	Hamilton	288	19	...	24	25	29	5	...	3	...	...	3	13	5	18	63	386 15	81	231 50	June 24, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	Jointly	
400	Oakville	Oakville	126	2	...	10	5	5	...	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	21	46 50	29	46 50	Dec. 29, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	67	25	...	21	17	11	4	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	25	10 05	10	38 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	None	

GEORGIAN DISTRICT NO. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 9. I desire at the outset to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for conferring upon me the honorable office of D. D. G. M. The kindness and courtesy which has been shown me has rendered the position an extremely pleasant one, and although the duties devolving upon a D. D. G. M. in this district are somewhat onerous, yet I feel amply compensated for the work incident to the office by the privilege of having made the acquaintance and formed friendships with so many true Masons.

Masonry in this district is in a very healthy and flourishing condition. The various lodges have, with rare exceptions, made steady progress. The work is exemplified with accuracy and the lodges are officered by enthusiastic and capable brethren. Generally, unity and harmony prevails, though in one or two lodges unfortunate dissensions have arisen, but even in these I believe the differences are of a temporary nature, and by the exercise of a little tact and the practice of Masonic principles, the discord now existing will disappear.

It has been a source of continual delight to note that Masonry is a real living force that makes for fraternity, unity and harmony; that within its peaceful walls the brethren dismiss the animosities, the rivalries, the jealousies, the prejudices that to some extent characterize this age; that in every day life the influence of Masonry is seen and felt, and that the brethren realize that there is an eminently practical as well as a ceremonial side to Masonry.

I am glad to be able to report that nearly all the lodges in this district have taken considerable interest in the Semi-Centennial Fund. Some of the lodges have paid

their full assessment, others have contributed a considerable part, while in some instances little or nothing has been done. In pursuance of the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I have endeavored to impress upon the Lodges the importance as well as the necessity of this fund, but in my humble judgment steps should be at once taken to make this fund an assessment on the several lodges. In my experience only those lodges that have adopted it as a lodge assessment have raised the full amount. None of those who relied upon individual subscription have succeeded in raising the full amount.. I would also venture to suggest that each D. D. G. M. be furnished with a statement showing exactly how each lodge in his district stands, so that he may be able to direct his efforts in a more systematic manner.

I have visited every lodge except two in the district in my official capacity during my term of office, and mindful of the intimations or suggestions to that effect, I shall condense the reports of my several visits as much as possible.

In several of the lodges, at my request, the examination of a visitor was exemplified, and I impressed upon the brethren the importance of using greater caution in the admission of visitors, and recommended frequent exemplification of such examinations in the lodge room.

VISITS.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: Date of visit January 18th, 1907. The meeting was well attended by members of this lodge as well as by members of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96. The F. C. degree was conferred upon two candidates by W. Bro. Beecroft in a very creditable manner. The W. M.-elect, as well as the J. W. of this lodge has removed from the town, but the work of the lodge is not allowed to suffer thereby, as this lodge has several P. M's who take a very active interest in its welfare. Contrary to what would naturally be expected from a lodge with a record like Kerr Lodge, the Semi-Centennial Fund is in arrears, a state which ought not to exist.. The lodge meeting was followed by a banquet at which several excellent speeches were made and a good musical program provided.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: Visited February 1st, 1907. On my visit I was accompanied by several of the Owen Sound brethren, and the brethren of

Pythagoras lodge accorded us a royal welcome. The work exemplified was one initiation and one passing, both of these degrees being conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Cornwell, W. M., and his officers. The W. M's work was of a very high order, and the Wardens' work was well done. The junior officers acquitted themselves most creditably. This lodge has paid its full assessment to the Semi-Centennial Fund. This lodge is fortunate in having an excellent Secretary, V. W. Bro. Clark, who is an untiring worker in all lodge matters. After closing the lodge a very enjoyable banquet was tendered to the visiting brethren.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton: Date of visit March 22nd, 1907. The attendance was not very large, owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads. The E. A. degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Armstrong, W. M., and his officers. After several years of hard struggles this lodge is in a good healthy condition, with good prospects for the future. The lodge is about to remove to new and more commodious quarters. This lodge has met the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund in full to date. A very enjoyable banquet was served at the close of the proceedings. This lodge has among its ranks a brother, who, though an invalid for many years, yet has been of very great assistance to the lodge. I refer to Bro. Blackburn. I am pleased to know that his services are appreciated by the lodge and that he is held in high esteem by the brethren.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: Date of visit March 25th, 1907. The meeting was well attended. The F. C. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Love, W. M., and his officers in a very creditable manner, although the W. M. had only recently recovered from a very tedious illness. Several of the members of Kerr lodge were present and I was pleased to note the state of harmony that exists between these lodges. The Semi-Centennial Fund is in good shape. After the lodge closed an excellent banquet was held in the splendid banquet hall. A very delightful program of speeches and music was carried out.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: I visited this lodge on March 26, 1907, accompanied by W. Bro. Irwin, P. M., Bro. Manuel, S. W., and Bro. Lowrie, of Corinthian

great interest manifested. A candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. by W. Bro. Ardill, W. M., exemplification of the work was somewhat hampered by the lack of proper room, the hall being altogether too small. The lodge is considering the erection of a new hall, which is greatly needed. The S. C. Fund is only partly paid up. After the lodge closed an adjournment was made to the basement of the Methodist church, where an excellent supper was served and an enjoyable time spent. The progress of this lodge is very gratifying and speaks well for the zeal and capability of its membership.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: I visited this lodge on April 5th, 1907. There was a fair attendance. The degree of M. M. was conferred by W. Bro. Higgins, W. M., and his officers. The claims of the S. C. Fund have not been well met. Unfortunate dissensions have arisen in this lodge, which has greatly militated against its progress and usefulness. A banquet was held at the close of the lodge proceedings.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: I made my official visit to these lodges at a joint meeting held on April 10th, 1907. At my request R. W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, D. D. G. M. North Huron District No. 5, kindly accompanied me, and as I am a member of North Star Lodge and a frequent visitor at St. George's Lodge, I requested R. W. Bro. Cameron to make any criticisms or observations he might desire in reference to the work as exemplified by these lodges. The first degree was exemplified by the officers of North Star Lodge, W. Bro. E. E. Miller, W. M., in the chair, and in the opinion of R. W. Bro. Cameron was well done. The officers of St. George's Lodge then exemplified the second degree, W. Bro. A. L. Denard, W. M., presiding, and the work was also well done. These lodges have met the claim of the Semi-Centennial Fund in full. A splendid choir assists in the work of these lodges and adds greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremonies. From my frequent attendance at the meetings of these lodges I can vouch for the high standard of the work done by them. A very enjoyable banquet was held in the spacious banquet hall at the close of the lodge proceedings.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk: I visited this lodge April 22nd, 1907, at a regular meeting, at which

there was a very good attendance. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. VanDusen and his officers, and the work was well done. The W. M. is a most enthusiastic and capable presiding officer, and he has a very valuable assistant in the Secretary, Bro. Mountcastle. This lodge had dealt with the S. C. Fund by the voluntary subscription method, but has not met with great success. After the lodge closed a banquet was held, where a very pleasant time was spent.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: I visited this lodge on April 25th, 1907, at an emergent meeting. There was a large attendance of members and several visitors were also present. A candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Wallace, W. M., and his officers, and their work was excellently done. The Wardens performed their work well, while the work of the Junior officers deserves special mention. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, but I regret to report that it has not given the S. C. Fund the attention it deserves at the hands of such a prosperous lodge. The banquet after the lodge closed was a very enjoyable affair, and many humorous and instructive speeches were delivered.

Tottenham Lodge, No. 467, Tottenham: I visited this lodge on April 29th, 1907, at a regular meeting. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Fraser and his officers upon a vounteer candidate, as the candidate expected was ill. The work was very well done. This lodge has neglected to give the S. C. Fund proper attention, but I was assured by the W. M., who is an excellent presiding officer, that the matter would be dealt with without further delay. This is a comparatively new lodge and has made good progress. A very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table after the lodge closed.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: I visited this lodge on May 1st, 1907, when there was a very good attendance of members. The officers conferred a degree in a highly creditable manner, the work of the W. M., W. Bro. Moore, being particularly well done. This lodge has several P. M.'s. who are a source of strength to the lodge and who are ever ready with their assistance and counsel to further the work and interests of the lodge. The S. C. Fund has not met that response from this lodge that might be expected from such a flourishing lodge. Voluntary personal subscription was adopted and some

brethren contributed, but owing to indifferent book-keeping no correct record has been kept. The lodge proceedings were followed by a very pleasant time in the banquet hall.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: This lodge was visited May 16, 1907, when there was a very good attendance of members. Two candidates were passed to the second degree. The work as exemplified by W. Bro. Leatherdale and his officers was of a high order, and the work of the Senior Deacon was specially good. This lodge is in splendid condition. It has a neat and well furnished lodge room, its finances are in good shape, and it has paid its full assessment to the S. C. Fund. It has several enthusiastic P. M's, who take an active interest in the work, and has a model Secretary, W. Bro. Hewson. After the lodge closed a very enjoyable time was spent in the banquet hall, where the proceedings were enlivened by speeches and songs. I was most hospitably entertained by the brethren, and several of them spent the following forenoon in showing me the points of interest in the vicinity.

Coronation Lodge, No. 446, Elmvale: I visited this young but prosperous lodge on May 17, 1907, and found it in excellent condition. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Sparling and his officers in a very creditable manner. This lodge has made good progress, though it has lost several members by removal. It has a very promising outlook. Very little has been done towards the S. C. Fund, but from assurances received from the officers I expect better things in the future. A very enjoyable banquet was held at which W. Bro. Sneath contributed a very interesting address.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: I visited this, the oldest lodge in the district, on May 21st, 1907. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Evans and his officers in excellent style. The W. M. is a model presiding officer. This lodge has done nothing in regard to the S. C. Fund, but I was assured that the reason for this lay in the fact that the finances of the lodge, as well as the liberality of the members had been taxed by local demands for relief. The W. M. assured me the matter would be taken up vigorously. This lodge has a number of enthusiastic P. M's, who attend regularly, with great profit to the lodge. An enjoyable hour in the banquet hall brought the proceedings to a close.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown: This lodge was visited May 22nd, 1907. The officers appear to have fallen into the habit of not opening punctually, and it was after 9 o'clock before the lodge opened. One candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Griffith and his officers. The W. M. informed me that the S. C. Fund was fully paid up. This lodge needs a more suitable room. An excellent banquet was provided after the close of the lodge proceedings.

Nitetic Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: I visited this lodge on May 27th, 1907, when one candidate was passed to the second degree by W. Bro. Lawrence and his officers. The work was well done. Several Past Masters were in attendance, and from the enthusiasm and harmony that prevailed I was favorably impressed with the condition and prospects of this lodge. Nothing has been contributed to the S. C. fund, but this state of affairs will soon be remedied. After the lodge closed a banquet was held at which the usual toasts were honored.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: I visited this lodge on May 28, 1907. There was a good attendance of members, and also several visitors from Nitetic lodges, Creemore, and from Barrie and other points. The E. A. degree was conferred upon a candidate by W. Bro. Coburn, W. M., and his officers, in an almost faultless manner. The W. M.'s rendering of the work was most impressive. For several years this lodge was practically dormant through unfortunate dissensions that prevailed, and the outlook was dark. All this has changed. Through the untiring efforts of some of the loyal members harmony has to a large extent been restored and better and brighter days are in sight. During the last year good progress has been made, the lodge room has been refitted, and the officers have entered into their work with enthusiasm and zeal. The S. C. Fund has unfortunately been neglected, but the officers assured me that immediate and energetic action would be taken. After the lodge closed a banquet was held, when several addresses were given, and the proceedings were enlivened by songs, etc.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: I visited this lodge on May 29, 1907. W. Bro. Herrington, W. M., presided, and assisted by the officers conferred the second degree in a highly creditable manner. This lodge has a

splendid well furnished hall and maintains well its high standing among the lodges in the district. This lodge has funds on hand to pay its full assessment to the S. C. most enjoyable banquet, at which there were three P. D. D. G. M.'s present, brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: I visited this lodge on June 24th, 1907, but owing to my late arrival through unaboidable causes, the meeting was about to disperse when I arrived. However, the brethren considerably waited and proceeded with the work, which consisted of one passing, the exemplification of which was well done by W. Bro. Smith, W. M., and the officers. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, has an enthusiastic set of Past Masters, and good feeling prevails among the members. It has a most efficient Secretary, V. W. Bro. Dickenson. The S. C. Fund is fairly well paid up. The brethren are good entertainers, and a pleasant time was spent in the fourth degree.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: I visited this lodge on June 28, 1907, when I found the affairs of the lodge in a very flourishing condition. The work exemplified was an initiation, and was particularly well done by W. Bro. Eaton, W. M., and the officers. The officers are mostly young, but are very enthusiastic and efficient, and under the able supervision of R. W. Bro. Wakefield, P. D. D. G. M., are maintaining the high state of efficiency to which this lodge has attained. The lodge has a handsome and well equipped lodge room. The S. C. Fund is in good shape and will shortly be fully paid up. At the banquet which followed a most enjoyable time was spent, enlivened by several fine speeches and several splendidly rendered songs.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland, and Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor: I made appointments to visit these lodges, but owing to the absence of the W. M's the appointments had to be cancelled, and I was unable to arrange for other suitable dates. However, I understand both of these lodges are in excellent condition.

Before closing my report I wish to repeat the recommendation of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Knight, in regard to this district, and to express my entire satisfaction therein. In my opinion this district should, without further delay, be divided, as it has now too many lodges for

efficient supervision by the D. D. G. M. It requires entirely too much time to be devoted to the duties of the D. D. G. M., and it entails too long absence from business and home. Owing to the large and unwieldy territory embraced in this district a great deal of time is spent in travelling. I would respectfully urge that immediate action be taken to divide or rearrange the district.

In concluding I desire to again express my appreciation to the brethren of the district of the honor conferred on me, and to express the hope that my labors may result in some benefit to the Craft in the district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. H. WRIGHT, D. D. G. M.,
Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.			Degree's confd.			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D.	S. P. D
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NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, which made it incumbent upon every D. D. G. M. to submit at the annual meeting a brief account of his proceedings and the state of Masonry within his district, I have the honor of submitting for your consideration my report for the year 1906-1907. At the time of inditing this report I have visited 21 of the 22 lodges in this district, some of them once, others twice, and had made an appointment with the only lodge not visited for a visit, when I was suddenly taken sick and thus prevented from keeping the appointment. I am, however, trying to make the necessary arrangements to visit that lodge prior to the expiration of my official term. The lodges are generally well and properly equipped, and bear testimony of the desire of the brethren to decorate them as tastefully as their funds permit. There were no new lodges constituted in the district during the year. I take great pleasure in reporting that King Edward VII. Lodge at Chippewa, constituted by my predecessor in October, 1905, is making splendid progress and has at the present time 40 members in good standing. Peace and harmony, I am exceedingly happy to say, prevails among the brethren of the district, and no complaints or appeals of any kind have been submitted to me for action during my official term. Temple Lodge, No. 296, of the city of St. Catharines, has adopted a full musical service for the opening and closing ceremonies in the several degrees, as well as for the working of said degrees. There are some other lodges in the district who introduce more or less music in the conferring of the E. A. degree, all of them, however, using words and melodies of their own taste and choice. The work being silent in its directions on

this subject, I feel in duty bound to call your attention to these facts, and would suggest that Grand Lodge, in view of the fact that uniformity has been for years its grand object, legislate on the matter and prescribe the melodies and words to be used by the lodges if they desire to introduce music into their ceremonies. I would likewise call attention to the fact that a number of lodges in the district have provided lesser lights, while others have not. The position of said lights not being prescribed (to my knowledge), each lodge places them in a position to suit its W. M. Some are lighted during the administering of obligations only, others are lighted during the conferring of the E. A. degree. As a whole, in fact, each W. M. appears to suit himself on this point. Has not the time arrived to legislate likewise on this subject? It has been my privilege to see each of the lodges in the district do more or less work, and while one or the other of them was more or less perfect, yet, as a whole, the various lodges do their work very fairly and in a capable manner. I am aware of only one W. M. who is unable to work all the degrees. This is an improvement, when I recall the fact that but a few years ago there were some lodges in the district who had to call to their aid skilled Masters or Past Masters of other lodges to work the third degree for them. I find that the principal chairs in the lodges are filled by young men, which fact augurs well for the future of Masonry. I also find the Secretaries throughout the district are, as a rule, Past Masters, and therefore well capable of fulfilling their duties. I cannot speak too highly of the creditable manner in which the lodge books are kept, and of the promptness in which all communications are attended to. I have at each visit endeavored to impress the officers and members their duties towards the Semi-Centennial Fund, and while some lodges have responded promptly, others have promised to continue their collections and to remit same to the Grand Secretary. The increase in membership has been above the normal, consisting mostly of young men. The exact figures I am unable to give at the time of writing, as the statistical reports of the lodges have only partially reached me. I have on all occasions called attention to the necessity of admitting only such men into the Order as would be a credit to it from a moral, social and intellectual standpoint, and I have reasons for believing

that these admonitions have been accepted and acted upon in the same spirit as given.

In conclusion I would say that Masonry in District No. 10 is in a highly flourishing condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

B. F. LEUBSDORF, D. D. G. M.,
Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in the Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Degrees conferred		Awards.		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meetings held.		Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.					Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
2	Niagara.....	Niag-on-Lake..	73	6	3	9	6	4	1	1	1	3	10	18	20	\$15 00	29	75 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$1600 00	
7	Union.....	Grimsby	96	3	1	3	4	3	4	1	2	1	14	15	40	17 00	11	64 00	June 29, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
15	St. George's	St. Catharines.	107	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	9	21	15	23	23	400 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
32	Amity	Dunville	110	9	6	6	6	3	1	1	1	1	12	18	26	25 00	27	183 00	May 20, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
35	St. John's...	Cayuga	68	5	9	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	13	19	18	25 00	27	183 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	700 00	
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharine..	163	7	11	8	5	1	1	3	1	2	12	20	21	73 00	25	340 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
105	St. Mark's.	Niagara Falls..	120	4	7	7	3	1	1	2	3	1	13	25	29	70 00	22	120 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
115	Ivy	Beamsville.....	106	7	8	7	8	2	2	2	1	1	12	16	26	95 00	22	69 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
168	Merritt	Welland	97	6	8	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	16	30	15 00	15	125 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	350 00	
169	Macnab	Port Colborne.	68	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	16	9	5 00	10	20 00	Jan. 20, '07	Good	Good	No	400 00	
185	Enniskill'n	York	26	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	16	9	5 00	10	35 00	July, 1906	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00	
221	Mountain ..	Thorold	120	19	21	17	13	2	1	1	1	1	25	28	23	288 00	7	20 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls..	140	4	10	13	16	2	1	12	1	1	4	21	36	5 00	6	36 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
277	Seymour ...	Port Dalhousie	50	3	5	5	4	1	1	2	1	1	13	25	15	5 00	10	94 00	Jan. 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
296	Temple	St. Catharines.	70	7	9	10	9	2	1	2	1	1	12	24	22	50 00	14	48 00	Jan. 30, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
319	Hiram	Hagersville.....	52	17	15	13	11	2	1	1	1	1	12	21	25	5 00	8	44 00	June 24, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	300 00	
320	King Sol'n.	Jarvis	65	5	7	4	6	1	1	2	1	1	14	18	25	5 00	8	44 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson..	47	4	5	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	8	11	15	13 00	13	190 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
338	Dufferin	Wellandport....	66	9	7	8	6	2	1	1	1	1	11	15	17	35 00	1	12 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg.....	87	3	3	3	3	1	2	3	2	1	12	16	23	35 00	4	12 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00	
373	Copestone.	Welland	72	12	14	9	8	2	2	3	2	1	13	10	23	35 00	4	12 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	175 00	
471	King Edw VII	Chippawa.....	40	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	7	1	25	1 00	1	12 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	175 00	

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRRETHREN:

I have the honor to present to you my report on the condition of Masonry in District No 11 for the past Masonic year, and I also take this opportunity of placing on record my gratitude to the brethren of this district for having extended their confidence to me in electing me unanimously to the important position of D. D. G. M. at the meeting of Grand Lodge, held in Toronto in July last. I appreciate the honor done me, and to the best of my ability have watched the interests of the fraternity in this district, hoping that my year in this office shall be of some benefit to the district.

One of my first acts was to appoint W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, of Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston, as my District Secretary, and I here take the opportunity of thanking the W. brother most heartily for the assistance he has given me on every occasion. He has not only accompanied me on many of my visits, but has been ready and willing at all times to consult with me on matters relating to the district and prompt to perform the duties belonging to his office.

In pursuance to the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I addressed a circular letter to the different lodges throughout the district calling their attention to matters referred to by the M. W. the Grand Master, and particularly those relating to the grouping of candidates, the wearing of improper regalia, the illegality of conferring degrees in any but proper lodge rooms, grand honors, and the necessity of greater contributions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. I believe the brethren of the district have endeavored to live closely to the suggestions thrown out by the M. W. the Grand Master in this manner, with the exception of the contributions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. In regard to this

particular charity, or rather thank offering of the Grand Lodge, I feel that in this district there is a very strong feeling of indifference in respect to it, and but few lodges have done their duty. I have not at present before me any records as to particularly important contributions during the past year, with the exception of Corinthian Lodge, U. D., Toronto. This lodge, though only a few months in existence, has already contributed its full quota of \$3.00 per member to that fund, and it speaks well for the good Masonic qualities possessed by the brethren of that lodge. They have not yet been able to procure separate lodge rooms and furniture, but they have shown their keen appreciation of the Masonic teaching respecting benevolence, and I am sure their contribution to this fund will be rewarded with success in their Masonic career.

The district, when taken over by me from R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, was in a most prosperous and harmonious condition, and I feel sure that in stepping out of the office which I have had the pleasure to enjoy for the past year, I will be able to hand it over to my successor in as harmonious and I trust as prosperous condition. The district is composed of twenty-three lodges, one, Corinthian, having been added during the year. No difficulties of any kind have arisen that required any particular effort in deciding, and the working of the lodges has gone on smoothly and very much in keeping with the best that is in Freemasonry. The lodges are particularly fortunate in having as their presiding officers Masters of good qualifications mentally and morally, and I believe they are well supported by their junior officers, as is evidenced by the splendid spirit of harmony that exists and the progress the lodges are making in good Masonic work. I have visited every lodge in the district once, and several of the lodges two or three times.

I did not hold a Lodge of Instruction, as I found on my inspection throughout the district the work was being performed in a uniform manner and that the brethren were well informed as to the ceremonies. A Lodge of Instruction would not have helped materially, and, instead, I urged the brethren at my respective visits to closer application of the work in the way of rehearsal and friendly criticism amongst themselves on occasions when such could be engaged in without marring the progress of the work of the evening. It was evident from the in-

struction that had been given by my predecessors in office, through their Lodges of Instruction and through their official visits, that the work was being carefully and satisfactorily performed. I also found that it was going to be a difficult matter to get a fair representation of the country officers and members to a city lodge for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction, and in very few instances were the lodges in the country districts large enough to accommodate a large assembly of brethren from the city of Toronto and suburban lodges. In the city of Toronto a Lodge of Instruction I deemed unnecessary this year, as I found the work was very well done, and the brethren in the city of Toronto are in the habit of visiting sister lodges frequently, and in that way have an opportunity of observing the manner in which the work in the various lodges is being done, and noting errors, if any, improvements in the manner of exemplifying the work and also the degree of accuracy with which many of the Masters are able to render the ritual. This is also true of the country lodges, but it requires a greater effort on the part of the officers of country lodges than in the city, owing to the fewer opportunities they have of rendering the work. Applicants to the order are not as numerous in the country lodges as in the city. The lodges and the attendance of members are smaller than in the city lodges, consequently the strain upon the officers to keep up the interest in the meetings and to perfect themselves in the work is greater than in the cities and towns. However, one cannot be but pleased to see the accuracy and intelligence with which the work is demonstrated and the principles of Freemasonry are explained to the various candidates by the Masters throughout the district, and I feel satisfied that the honor of the district is being well sustained by the Masters and officers in District No. II.

I think, as R. W. Bro. Webster stated in his report of 1903, that it would be well if the elections of officers of the various lodges were held in the month of May, the installation in June, and thus give the D. D. G. M. the benefit of the whole year in which to make his inspection. I believe that each lodge in the district can be beneficially visited more than once by the D. D. G. M., not only as far as the information received by the D. D. G. M. is concerned, but also the benefit the officers would derive from

concentrating or intensifying their efforts on the work, knowing that the lodge would be subject to more frequent inspection.

One feature which has struck me during the year as an undesirable one, although not operating to disadvantage in this district, is the number of cases in which weak lodges or those not numerically strong are being officered by brethren from the city and larger lodges. Out of the twenty-three lodges in this district five country lodges have been presided over during portions of my year of office by W. brethren from the city of Toronto. I think it is much more to be desired that the Master of the lodge should be a man local to the jurisdiction within which the lodge is working. He will be closer in touch with the brethren of his lodge, more likely to be present on every occasion when his assistance is necessary, and would likely be more intimately acquainted with the brethren of the lodge and the citizens in the community.

As Masonic brethren are prohibited from canvassing for candidates additions to the fraternity can only be made as a direct result of the good work done by the lodges and the good qualities displayed by the members in their every day life as citizens, as well as Masons.

A Master who is not in close touch every day with the citizens of the community in which his lodge is working cannot show as clearly as is desired the good qualifications of citizenship and Masonry as if he resided in and moved among those citizens from whom his lodge must necessarily be replenished.

Another feature I would like to impress particularly upon the country members is the necessity of more frequent fraternal visits with other lodges. A great deal of good, Masonically and socially, can be done and can be received from such visits. The city and urban brethren are under an obligation to render every assistance in this regard to the less fortunate country brethren, and I trust to see this system of fraternal visits more extensively carried on throughout the whole district in order that the country lodges may derive some advantage and stimulus from the fraternizing with other brethren, as is felt by the lodges in the city and urban portions of the district.

Throughout the district I have urged very strongly that no candidate be advanced from one degree to another without his being able to prove that he is in possession of

the necessary information respecting the lower degree before being advanced to and entrusted with the work and secrets of the higher degree. I have further insisted, as far as I have been able, that the dignity of Freemasonry must in no way be infringed upon and that the good name of Freemasonry must be carefully preserved by those entrusted with the government of the various lodges, and this can be most successfully done by living conscientiously and strictly to the Constitution and the ancient charges, regulations and landmarks of the order.

During the year we have lost a number of our brethren. A more or less incomplete list follows: R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M., Alpha Lodge, No. 384; R. W. Bro. J. J. Ramsay, Harmony Lodge, No. 438; R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, P. D. D. G. M., Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; W. Bro. H. E. F. Caston, Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; W. Bro. John Haggas, Stanley Lodge, No. 426, and Victoria Lodge, No. 474; Bro. A. L. Maddox, Alpha Lodge, No. 384; Bro. W. D. Morrison, Alpha Lodge, No. 384; Bro. John Paul, Stanley Lodge, No. 426; Bros. John Cleland, Dr. John J. Elliott, A. G. Birch, W. J. Everson, Julius H. Ward and Geo. Kelly, Harmony Lodge, No. 438; Bros. Robt. Cureston, Wm. Pudifin, W. A. Guile, Richard Blunden and Jas. Clemett, Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65; Bro. W. H. S. McCallum, Corinthian, U. D.; Bros. Wm. McKee, Francis Blackwill and Robert Lang, Occident Lodge, No. 436; Bro. Francis Watt, Stanley Lodge, No. 426; Bro. Dexter Carpenter, Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; Bro. Rufus Skinner, York Lodge, No. 156.

VISITS.

I briefly summarize as follows my official visits of inspection and other visits during the year:

King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: I visited this lodge officially on March 14th, 1907, and found W. Bro. Stinson presiding. There were about 70 members present and in the neighborhood of 60 visitors. The work was remarkably well done, and there were many evidences of strength in the W. M.'s manner of conducting the lodge, and I found that a very loyal feeling existed between the members and the officers. The work by the W. M. was very deliberate and intelligently rendered and the charity lecture was very impressively given. The work of the Junior Warden indicated that he is the right man for the place and will yet fill the chair with

credit. The other officers, as far as they were called on, were able to perform their services acceptably. In the fourth degree a very enjoyable time was spent. On the 11th of April it was my privilege to visit this lodge again on the celebration of the 60th anniversary of its formation. The lodge was particularly favored on this occasion by the presence of M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, D. G. M.; M. W. Bro. Goggin, P. G. M. of the G. L. of Manitoba; R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and a large number of W. M's from the city and district lodges. The work was well exemplified again on this occasion, and shows that this good old lodge is doing good work Masonically and retains the splendid name it has enjoyed so many years.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple: I was privileged to be present at the 50th anniversary of this lodge on December 21st, 1906. W. Bro. J. B. McLean, Master of the lodge, presided and took charge of the proceedings of the evening. No work was done in the lodge room, but visitors, of whom there was a large number, were received in a very agreeable way and made to feel that the occasion was one to be long remembered. At the fourth degree the wives, sisters and daughters of many of the resident brethren were present and showed their interest in Masonry, and in the brethren of the lodge and their visitors, by providing a most sumptuous banquet. On this occasion the brethren were favored by addresses from R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, E. J. B. Duncan, J. E. Francis, E. M. Carlton, H. A. Taylor, W. Bros. W. H. Grant, the Rev. W. P. Brace and W. Wilby. This lodge was formed in 1854, and amongst the members the following prominent Canadians were members, namely, the late M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, the late W. Bro. Peter Patterson and Hon. E. J. Davis. W. Bro. Leeds Richardson, an honored member of the lodge, gave a synopsis of the history and workings of the lodge since its inception. I again visited this lodge officially on March 26th, when I found W. Bro. H. E. Bailey, the W. M., in the chair, assisted by his officers. A remarkable feature was the large number of Past Masters who attended on the occasion to show their appreciation of their lodge and its working. The lodge was also favored in this occasion by a visit from R. W. Bro. Nicholls and W. Bro. Lamon, Rev. A. P. Brace and a number of other brethren of

Richmond Lodge. The work of the first degree was exemplified. At the fourth degree a very enjoyable time was spent, although on the occasion a very severe rain storm was raging outside. About 100 persons and upwards sat down to the bountiful repast prepared by the ladies related to the brethren of the lodge. This lodge is doing very well, having increased in numbers three during the year. The lodge premises are owned by the brethren and are free of debt, and \$1,500.00 of insurance is carried on the premises. A number of the Past Masters of this lodge are most zealous Masons and guard carefully the portals, and we can expect to hear from this lodge in the near future in a more important way.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: I visited this lodge on March 7th, when I found W. Bro. John O'Connor presiding. The work of this lodge was done in a most commendable way, in fact, W. Bro. O'Connor and his officers could not do otherwise, and I cannot give too much praise in this case. The W. brother is possessed of a very kindly and sympathetic manner, and is in perfect control of the work of the order. The best of good fellowship exists. The first degree was exemplified. The W. M. and officers are well informed in the work of the three degrees. The lodge was favored on this occasion by fraternal visits from W. Masters, officers and brethren of Zetland, Orient, Doric, St. John and King Solomon lodges, besides other visitors from other parts of the country. A most enjoyable evening was spent generally. This lodge has made very material progress during the year, having added 23 to their number. They paid out in relief \$286.00, and carry some small amount of insurance. I note with a little regret that their arrears of dues amount to nearly \$230.00 and upwards. I think the brethren could concentrate their efforts in reducing this amount, and I would be very pleased to see that done. This lodge is doing a good work.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: This is the mother lodge of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton. On October 16th I was privileged to be present at the meeting of this lodge and present R. W. Bro. Carlton with the testimonial provided by the 11th Masonic district, namely, a P. D. D. G. M's apron, collar and gauntlets. R. W. Bro. Carlton replied in a most appreciative way and the brethren of the lodge were

proud of their brother, who had done such signal service for the district and had honored their lodge so well. I officially visited this lodge on April 16th, W. Bro. J. S. Simmons in the East. The work of the second degree was exemplified and was well done. The candidate on the occasion was Bro. Waite, who was extremely well skilled, and it was a credit to the lodge to see with what accuracy their candidates had been prepared before being passed from one degree to another. The lodge room was most beautifully decorated on this occasion with flowers by the W. M. and presented a most pleasing appearance. The fourth degree afforded a pleasing hour for the brethren present. The choir of this lodge aided very materially in the work on this occasion. The lodge was favored with a visit from W. Bro. Haywood, of Zetland Lodge; W. Bro. Stephens, of Corinthian Lodge, and a number of other brethren. The Junior Warden was not present on this occasion and the Junior Deacon, Bro. Parkinson, took his place and is worthy of special mention for the manner in which he did his work.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: I visited this lodge on November 2nd, 1906. W. Bro. J. A. Slade, the W. M., presided. The W. M. conferred the first degree and the third degree. The candidate who received the third degree in this occasion was Bro. William Dick, who is a grandson of W. Bro. Graham, the founder of True Blue Lodge, whose portrait adorns the walls of the lodge room. Bro. Dick is also a son of William Dick, who was an officer of this lodge between 1860 and 1870, and who is still living in Bolton. The Master did his work remarkably well and is to be congratulated on the accuracy with which he did the work. W. Bro. Slade, who formerly resided in Bolton, but who is now residing in Toronto, has with considerable difficulty to himself, filled the position of Master of this lodge, having missed but one meeting during the year. He experiences the same difficulty as some of the Masters have done in recent years in this lodge; there seems to be an apathy among the brethren. W. Bro. Leavens, of Bolton, is a great standby of this lodge, and is deserving of a very great deal of encouragement and commendation for the manner in which he sticks to the lodge. This lodge has suffered materially by the formation of Tottenham and Peel lodges, both of which drew off a number of members from True Blue.

The Junior Warden did not uphold the good name of True Blue Lodge, and was advised by myself to make greater efforts to acquire the work of the degrees. The other officers did their work very well. I was unable to again visit True Blue Lodge, but the W. M. informs me that the Junior Warden has made considerable progress and has been advanced to the west. I trust he will appreciate the trust and the honor which has been bestowed upon him by the brethren of the lodge and that he will uphold the dignity and good name of True Blue Lodge. The books are well kept by W. Bro. A. E. Bolton, who unfortunately on this occasion was absent. The brethren own the lodge here and have a most comfortable lodge room and equipment. W. Bro. J. J. Hill was present and took part in the work.

York Lodge, No. 156, North Toronto;: I visited this lodge on February 15th. My old friend, W. Bro. Robert Ferguson, presided, and did credit to this good old lodge as well as himself. A very large number of visitors from the city and surrounding lodges were present. The work of the first degree was exemplified. I offered some criticism in regard to the work, but on the whole the W. M. and officers did well and required but little checking or friendly criticism to almost make their work perfect. This lodge is about to have its own lodge room, the land already being purchased and the contract for the building having been let. The brethren deserve very great encouragement. The membership now stands at 145, and about 100 brethren were present on the occasion of this visit. The lodge was favored with a visit from W. Bro. Taylor and W. Bro. Burchard, of Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora. I note the arrears of dues are \$224.00. I think this might be remedied..

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: I visited this lodge on February 19th. W. Bro. T. H. Shields presided. I also found present Past Masters of the lodge, R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, V. W. Bro. Morton, W. Bros. Woods, Manning and Fenton. On this occasion I was accompanied by W. Bros. Mercer, of River Park, Streetsville; W. Wilby, Humber Lodge, Weston; J. Patterson, of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction, and J. C. Smith, of Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge. The work exemplified was that of the second degree and was very acceptable. I commented on the whole work and pointed out some

respects in which some of the officers could reasonably make some changes for the better. This lodge is in good condition, and I think the prospects are very fair for its future success. They made considerable progress during the past year, having increased six in number. Their arrears of dues are small and they have their premises insured. The books of the lodge are in good condition. At the fourth degree about 70 sat down to the refreshments, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst the members of this lodge are Bro. C. Irvine, who is the Warden of the County of Peel and the Reeve of the Town of Brampton, and Bro. W. McCulla, ex-M. P. for the County of Peel.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: I visited this lodge on January 22nd, and, as I anticipated, was most pleasantly received and entertained. The work of the lodge was most excellently done by the presiding W. M., W. Bro. A. L. Lyon. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden, as well as the other junior officers who took part in the degree, namely, the first, did their work in a most commendable way, and it speaks a great deal for the manner in which the brethren of Ashlar lodge have their work done. On this occasion M. W. Bro. B. Allen was present, also R. W. Bro. C. Morrison and V. W. Bro. J. McKnight. The lodge was also visited on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Dewar, P. D. D. G. M. of Ontario District No. 12. This lodge is extremely progressive, and every evidence of good fellowship and progress and good Masonry in general is present in all the appointments and the work done.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: I visited this lodge on February 28th. W. Bro. W. Riddell presided. R. W. Bro. Francis, of this lodge, and R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, of Richmond Lodge, were both present. This lodge has suffered for the past year in not being able to successfully pass many candidates through the ballot, and on enquiry I find it was due to a certain amount of ill-feeling apparently on the part of one or two members. However, I note during the last four months some progress has been made by this lodge. They have in reality added three by initiation during the year and have suffered one resignation, leaving a net gain of two during the year. Considering the lack of work and that the membership is not very strong, I was very well pleased

with the Master's and Senior Warden's work on this occasion. The Junior Warden was not so well skilled. The Inner Guard on this occasion endeavored to perform the duties of his office, never having before seen the first degree worked, and not having been particularly instructed I was surprised with the accuracy with which he did certain parts of the work and encouraged him as well as I could and gave him some instruction in the body of the lodge. R. W. Bro. Francis is a very zealous member of this lodge, and as far as he can is very attentive to it. W. Bro. Frank Smith, of Edgley, is also very watchful of the needs of this lodge and is well thought of by the brethren there. I believe the lodge will now prosper, as the cause of the unfortunate trouble which I have referred to seems to have been removed. The Senior Warden has been, through circumstances related with his business, transferred to Manitoba temporarily, but I hope the lodge will not lose his presence or his services altogether. At the fourth degree a very enjoyable time was spent by all present. The lodge was favored on this occasion with visits from Richmond and other surrounding lodges. The lodge finances and books are in good condition.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: This was my last official visit of the year, namely May 27th, 1907. W. Bro. George L. Stewart presided. As inspector of emigration he was under the necessity of spending a large portion of the winter in England and Scotland. On his return he took up the work of the lodge and on this occasion he exemplified the third degree. The candidate was well prepared, speaking well for the brethren. The work of the degree was very well done, not only by the Master, but officers, and the portions delivered by W. Bros. Egan and A. Carley were particularly good; in fact, would have done credit to many very much larger lodges. The books of this lodge are well kept by W. Bro. A. Carley, and the lodge itself is in a flourishing condition. The membership, though small, remains steady and has increased six during the past year. Insurance is maintained on the property of the lodge. At the fourth degree on this occasion the ladies of the district were present in goodly numbers and provided an enjoyable luncheon. The lodge was also favored on this occasion by the presence of the Rev. Bro. Dean and Rev. Mr. Walker, who in the fourth degree expressed themselves as

particularly pleased with the proceedings as far as they a very creditable way, as was shown by their presence this evening.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: I visited this lodge on November 29th, 1906. W. Bro. Gemmel presided. All his officers and a large number of his Past Masters were present. R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, W. Bros. W. J. Douglas, R. J. Gibson, J. A. McKenzie, J. Burke, J. E. Brown, of York Lodge, and J. Haggis, of Stanley Lodge, and R. E. Porte, of Mimico Lodge, were present, also Bro. H. C. Irwin, the Junior Warden of St. Andrew's Lodge. The Humber lodge room has been very much improved and decorated and supplied with electric lighting, and is extremely comfortable. The Master and officers did their work very well, and as the junior officers are composed of a number of bright young citizens a successful future is promised. The financial condition of the lodge is good and a special building fund has been started. I trust that in the not distant future this lodge will have a home of its own. I again visited this lodge fraternally on June 25th and installed the officers for the year, when W. Bro. George H. Scott was installed as Master. The lodge has shown very considerable progress and is in an extremely healthy condition. The village of Weston itself is growing rapidly in population, as well as the country surrounding it, and we may look for a material advance in this lodge.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: I paid a fraternal visit to this lodge on December 27th, when the officers were installed by W. Bro. Frank Smith, of Edgley, a Past Master of this lodge. This brother is most indefatigable in his efforts to advance the good of Masonry in the central part of the district and should be rewarded at some time by Grand Lodge, as his efforts have been of the most unselfish character. He very rarely misses a meeting of his lodge, is always willing to undertake any part of the work which is given to him to do. My old friend, W. Bro. Jesse C. Smith, Mayor of Toronto Junction for the year 1905-1906, was installed as W. M. It was a great pleasure to see this brother advance to this honorable position. I understand he has materially helped the lodge along since he became connected with it, and his geniality on all occasions tends to make the meetings agreeable wherever he is. I officially

visited the lodge on the 22nd February and was pleased to see W. Bro. Smith put on the second degree, and it was very acceptably done. He was ably assisted by a number of his Past Masters. Bro. Smith has proved himself to be a good ritualist, and I believe that material progress has been made in this lodge. The lodge owns its own premises and will soon be out of debt. It suffers a little from a difficulty in getting good candidates, but the quality of those that they have taken in makes up for any loss in the other direction. W. Bro. David Norton, who has been Secretary, and W. Bro. D. McLean, who has been Treasurer for a number of years, as well as W. Bro. Maynard, who has been Master of the lodge for several years, are a great support to the lodge.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: I visited this lodge on March 22nd on the 30th anniversary of the initiation of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone. A very large number of brethren were present on this occasion to show their respect for their M. W. brother, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The M. W. brother presided in the lodge room and exemplified the third degree. At the refreshment table between twenty and thirty brethren were present in the east, besides a couple of hundred at the other tables, and the M. W. brother gave a very interesting talk, recounting many reminiscences in the history of Zetland lodge. The brethren show on every occasion their good will to one who has done so much for Zetland lodge and a great deal for Grand Lodge itself. I visited Zetland lodge again officially on the 26th day of April, when W. Bro. D. G. Sturrock presided and exemplified the first degree. On this occasion there were present 150 or upwards in the lodge room. This was the largest assembly of Masons at a regular lodge meeting that it was my privilege to witness during the year. I had anticipated a good turnout and good work at this lodge, and I was certainly not disappointed. The W. M. and officers did their work remarkably well and sustained the good name this banner lodge of the jurisdiction should present to the less fortunate lodges. On this occasion the initiates were Bro. W. K. George, president of the Toronto Exhibition, and Bro. G. T. Somers, president of the Sterling Bank, and they showed their appreciation of the work in their few remarks that they offered in the fourth degree. The entertainment provided in the re-

freshment room, or fourth degree of this lodge, has always been well carried out and was extremely well done on this occasion. Solos, duets, readings and instrumental music supplied a large part of the program. The speeches were short, to the point, and interesting. This lodge has made wonderful progress during the year, having added no less than 48 to its membership, although the initiation and affiliation fees are the heaviest, I believe, in the province. It has spent in relief \$325.00 this year. This lodge was one of the first lodges to come forward and pay its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund two years ago. It has a better financial standing than any other lodge in the district and probably in the Province. Their meetings are always largely attended and enthusiastic. It is due to the splendid good fellowship that prevails in the lodge. This lodge is doing a great work and the members are deserving of every credit. The position of Master of this lodge is one to which a great responsibility attaches, and is an extremely honorable one, as the work connected with it is of a very arduous character. A Master who has in the course of a year to perform or have performed forty-five initiations in his lodge is doing a big work for the good of our Order. It is not the privilege of many Masters to do this amount of work in a year. One would naturally expect ceremonial work of the highest order in a lodge like this. A great duty devolves upon this lodge to assist many of the smaller and weaker lodges through this district, and I trust the brethren of this lodge in their ardor for their own lodge will not forget the assistance they owe to the brethren of the weaker lodges. A brilliant future is before this lodge. It has a most enviable record in regard to its financial condition. Only three members in arrears and the total arrears of dues \$13.00. This speaks volumes for the most energetic Secretary, W. Bro. John H. McCabe, whose value to this lodge and thereby to the Grand Lodge should be marked at no future date in a signal way.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: I was privileged to install the officers of this lodge on December 19, 1907, and again visited the lodge officially on March 20th, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Howlett, exemplified the second degree. The candidate, Bro. Whitacre, was extremely well skilled. Twelve Past Masters of the lodge were

present to assist in the work of the lodge. The S. W., Bro. Clarkson James, is an extremely well qualified officer and did his work well. He will, I trust, be advanced to the East in the near future. I am sorry to note some friction in this lodge, due to a spirit of jealousy which has crept up between the present officers and a few of the Past Masters. The good sense and determination of the brethren, however, is well shown in their standing by W. Bro. Howlett, the W. M., as they have done and should do. The lodge has initiated 14 during the year and has made an increase of five to its membership. The financial condition is good and the equipment all that is necessary and desirable.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: I visited this lodge on April 23rd. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor occupied lodge, and were it not for his zeal and good inclination to Freemasonry on several occasions in the past this lodge would not be where it is. This is his seventh year in the history of this lodge as W. M., and he, I consider, should be rewarded by Grand Lodge with honors above those which the blue lodge can give. He worked the first degree well, as I had anticipated he would. He was ably assisted by his officers. W. Bro. Mercer, the I. P. M. of the lodge, delivered the charity lecture and the charge to the candidate after the initiation in a very impressive way. The lodge owes much to this brother. W. Bro. Rich has the books and the duties of Secretary well in hand. The S. W., Bro. Kennedy, will make a good W. M. when entrusted with the responsibilities. The membership was increased three during the year. The lodge is financially in good shape, having \$225 surplus in the savings bank, although the arrears of dues appear too large. The brethren spent a very enjoyable hour at the refreshment table.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: I visited this lodge officially on January 29th, 1907, when W. Bro. R. E. Porte and his officers exemplified the third degree. This W. brother always has his work well in hand. He is ably supported by two good Wardens, Bros. Brown and Woodill, and two good Deacons, Bros. Agnew and Evans. A very noticeable change has taken place in this lodge in the number of young members who have been admitted during recent years. The lodge room has been very greatly improved by the addition of the electric

lighting, and generally the lodge is very comfortable. The premises are clear of encumbrance, a surplus of \$490 in the bank, membership of 75 or upwards. This lodge has contributed about \$1.00 per member to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Bro. Black has the work of Secretary well in hand. A large number of visiting brethren from Toronto and Toronto Junction were present. The lodge is expert in the matter of entertainment and refreshments at the fourth degree. I fraternally visited this lodge again on June 25th, 1907, when a first degree was well exemplified. W. Bro. Porte is ably attended by his Past Masters, who are always present in goodly numbers.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: I visited this lodge on February 7th, 1907, and was most warmly received by W. Bro. H. C. Scully, the W. M. Twelve of the Past Masters of the lodge were present. A very large number of visitors from different parts of the country favored the lodge with their presence. Among them was our worthy friend, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White. At this meeting 11 applications for initiation and three for affiliation were balloted on, of which all but one was favorably considered. The first degree was given to Bro. Sutton, who proved a good candidate. The W. M., Chaplain, Bro. Moull; J. W., Bro. Chapman; J. D., Bro. Ledger; I. G., Bro. McKerihen, and the Organist, Bro. Stapells, did their work well. The lodge work has been very extensive during the year, 33 candidates having been initiated, and the lodge has made a permanent increase of 21 during the year. One of the most noted losses this lodge sustained was R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, who died April 7th, 1907, and was buried by this lodge with full Masonic honors on April 10th, 1907. On this occasion a very large concourse of brethren followed the body from the Speaker's Chambers in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Besides the respect shown by the Masons for the deceased on this occasion, the Provincial Government ordered a state funeral to the deceased. The ceremonies attending the funeral and burial were most imposing and solemn, and most befitting the career of the deceased brother.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: This is my mother lodge, which I joined in 1893. I was honored with the position of W. M. of this lodge in 1900, and after my unanimous election as D. D. G. M. in July, 1906, I

was tendered a reception and presented with an illuminated address on September 4th, 1906. The brethren of this lodge have been lavish in their kindness to myself on every occasion, and I feel grateful to the brethren of this district in giving a Grand Lodge appointment to this lodge. It will greatly encourage the brethren, and I hope I may be permitted long to show my good will to the lodge and my appreciation of their good will to me. I attended this lodge during the year when permitted by my other official and fraternal visits. I was privileged to instal its officers on New Year's night, 1907, and I officially visited the lodge February 5th, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. McMulkin, is a good Master, being well skilled and firm in his conduct of the lodge work. Besides being W. M. of Stanley Lodge he is also First Principal in Shekinah Chapter of R. A. M., Toronto Junction. Besides this work in Masonry W. Bro. McMulkin has undertaken the superintendence of the Toronto Junction waterworks system. These various duties prove the W. brother's ability. On the occasion of my official visit on February 5th, 1907, I was received very kindly. Between 80 and 90 brethren were present and the officers exemplified the first degree. There were a large number of visiting and Stanley Lodge Past Masters present and the work was well done. The musical accompaniment was well executed and added to the pleasure of the occasion. This lodge has a membership of 250, has surplus funds of \$1,700.00 at interest, has lodge furniture and property well insured, and is harmonious and progressive.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: I visited this lodge on January 28th, 1907, and intended to inspect the work. The candidate for this occasion disappointed the members by not consenting to initiation. M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson gave an interesting lecture on "The History of Freemasonry." I enjoyed the evening's entertainment very much. I again visited this lodge on February 25th, 1907, when W. Bro. Sprott, the W. M. and his officers did the work of the first degree. The work was as neatly done here as in any lodge I visited this year. The W. M. and J. W., Bro. Repath, did their work accurately. The S. W. was absent, and the Senior Deacon, Bro. Rowland, did the work and was a surprise to the visiting brethren. This brother deserves well at the hands of the members of Harmony lodge. V. W. Bro.

Barber gave the charge after the initiation to the candidate in a manner seldom heard. R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon then gave a short lecture on the "Brotherhood of Man," which was appreciated greatly by the brethren. The financial condition of this lodge is good, \$1,600.00 invested, and a membership of 315 in good standing. The lodge has increased 8 during the year. Relief has been given to the extent of \$312.00, or about \$1 per member. The arrears of dues are \$74.00, which ought to be reduced.

Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East: This is one of the young lodges of the district, and is an offshoot from True Blue Lodge, of Bolton. The membership is 45, having increased 8 during the past year. The W. M., W. Bro. Thomas Coulter, being a railway man, has been transferred from Caledon East to Alliston, and has not been able to attend one meeting here during the year. However, W. Bros. York and Hill have attended to the duties of the W. M. in his absence and the work has gone on well, as is evidenced by the above increase. The debt on the lodge is paid off. I visited the lodge officially on December 28th, 1906, and W. Bro. York initiated a candidate very acceptably. W. Bro. York was Master of True Blue Lodge about twenty years ago and is more familiar with the work as then exemplified. The other officers ably assisted and show that they will be able to do the work of governing the lodge when entrusted to them. I gave them some instruction, showing the difference of present work from former work, in order to instruct the junior officers. The brethren of the lodge are very grateful also to W. Bro. Leavens for his assistance when able to be present. This lodge is very prosperous.

Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto Junction: By command of the M. W. the Grand Master I took charge of the dedication ceremonies of this lodge on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, 1906, and was assisted by R. W. Bros. Tait and White, of Toronto, and Dutton, of Woodstock; V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, of Toronto, and a large number of W. brethren and others. A most sumptuous banquet was provided, good music and bright speeches marked the pleasant evening spent in the fourth degree. I visited the lodge officially on January 15th, 1907, when a large number of members were present. The work of the first degree was exemplified and was well done by the

various officers. The Junior Deacon is especially deserving of mention, and his work has since been rewarded by deserving promotion to the Senior Deacon's chair. The W. M., W. Bro. Sheppard, is a most zealous Mason, and has done much for Masonry in Toronto Junction by acting as W. M. of this lodge for nearly two years and establishing such a strong prosperous lodge. He has a splendid staff of officers, and if the members are careful in regard to the work of the lodge and the applicants for initiation this will yet be one of the strong lodges of the district. The choir is one of the best in the district, comparing favorably with some of the very efficient choirs in the lodges in the city of Toronto. Financially the lodge is strong, and it is prudently economizing its funds. The lodge has made a net gain of 14 in membership during the past year.

Corinthian Lodge, U. D., Toronto: This lodge was formed on January 10th, 1907, R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, D. G. M., officiating, assisted by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. Ben Allen, R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W., V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, V. W. Bro. W. Blight, and a number of others. The occasion was a very pleasant one, as it marked an important step towards the healing of very unhappy differences in another old lodge in the Toronto district. I visited the lodge again on February 14th, 1907, and arrangements were made by which the W. M. and the two Wardens were appointed a committee with myself to arrange matters financial and otherwise between Stevenson Lodge and Corinthian Lodge. These matters were subsequently arranged satisfactorily to both lodges and each has shown its appreciation of the M. W. the Grand Master by electing him an honorary life member of the lodge. I again visited the lodge officially on May 9th, 1907, and the officers presented a third degree for my review. The work was very acceptably done. The W. M., W. Bro. Stephens, is painstaking and very zealous for the welfare of the lodge. An increase of 8 in its membership since formation speaks well in view of their starting out with a high initiation and affiliation fee. The lodge has done itself great credit in voting \$174 to the Semi-Centennial fund, being \$3.00 per member, exclusive of the Grand Master. I think the work done by this lodge and the efficiency of the work done by its officers entitles it to its Warrant at this first meeting of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I desire to express my gratitude to the courtesy and kindness extended to me on every occasion. I am sorry I have not been able to do more for the district than I have done, but I trust my year has not been altogether without benefit. The district is most prosperous, both in membership and in the financial strength of the lodges. The best Masonic spirit prevails, as is evidenced by the good will and kindly assistance extended by the brethren to each other on all occasions and in their jealously guarding their membership against increase from undesirable quarters. I am pleased with the experiences of the year, and I hand over to my successor in office a district progressive and harmonious, and one over which to preside as D. D. G. M. for one year is an honor as well as an education.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. J. ANDERSON, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto West District No. II.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District No. 11A on the condition and progress of Masonry during the past year. In the first place, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for electing me to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district, and also for the uniform courtesy, kindness and consideration which I received from each brother during my visitations. Fully realizing when I undertook the duties pertaining to the office of District Deputy Grand Master that they would be manifold, yet I endeavored to discharge them to the best of my ability. Each lodge of the district has been visited by me. I have found perfect uniformity in the esoteric work, but I am sorry to report that the candidates are not in many cases sufficiently well informed in the work, especially that of the third degree, nor do the candidates, generally speaking, throughout the district subsequently undergo any examination in the third degree, which I think they should do. I was pleased to note that the musical service is growing in a number of the lodges. To my mind music imparts an added impressiveness to the rendition of our beautiful ritualistic work.

Knowing that the district over which I had been called upon to preside was an important one, and that the duties of my office would be somewhat onerous, I asked V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, P. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, to act as my District Secretary, and to him I am greatly indebted for advice and aid cheerfully given me during the year. I also appointed W. Bro. Rev. A. P. Brace, of Richmond Hill, as my District Chaplain, and to him I also am indebted for assistance rendered.

The social side of our fraternity throughout the district has been of the most pleasing character. The entertainments, as well as the speeches given during my official visits, were in keeping with the dignity of the Order.

I am sorry to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund has not met with that success throughout the district that it is deserving. There is an apparent apathy among the brethren regarding it, and at all my visits I endeavored to impress upon the brethren the fact that the reputation of Grand Lodge must be upheld by them and that the success of the fund must not become a failure.

Shortly after my election I appointed W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto; W. Bro. R. W. Brennan, W. M. of St. George's Lodge, Toronto, and V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, P. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, as a committee for the purpose of procuring a suitable testimonial to be presented to R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, my immediate predecessor in office. This presentation will be again referred to more fully later in my report.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: I visited this lodge, the mother lodge of the district, on 9th October, 1906, the occasion being the annual re-union and Past Masters' night. There were fully 300 brethren present, and the function was a most successful one. This old lodge has upheld the dignity of Masonry in Toronto for upwards of 85 years. Upon its roll of membership are the names of those who have achieved fame in all callings of life. Among some of the old members who are living to-day and who are still connected with the lodge are Bro. Sir J. R. Gowan, who has been a member for 67 years; R. W. Bro. Sir Aemilius Irving, K. C., 63 years; R. W. Bro. James Bain, 49 years, and many others who have been members for 40 years and upwards. The W. M. of the lodge, W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, warmly welcomed the many distinguished visitors on this occasion, among whom were M. W. Bro. Dr. D. J. Goggin, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; R. W. Bros. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W.; E. C. Davies, P. G. R.; W. E. Middleton, P. D. D. G. M.; Ottawa District, Quebec; J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. C. A. B. Brown, G. S. The first degree was conferred by the Past Masters of the

lodge, with W. Bro. J. T. Slater, now deceased, in the chair. The work was exceedingly well done. I officially visited this lodge on the 12th of March, 1907, when W. Bro. Geo. A. Kingston, the W. M., was in the chair. Among the brethren in the lodge who greeted me on this occasion were R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, Aubrey White and J. W. Watson, V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, and many Past Masters of the lodge and visiting Masters of city lodges. The first degree was exemplified in the most creditable manner. This lodge has a quartette, under the leadership of Bro. Arthur Blight, which added very much to the impressiveness of the work of the evening. W. Bro. John Pearson, who was elected Secretary of the lodge owing to the death of W. Bro. J. T. Slater, has a well kept set of books. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition and reflects the greatest credit upon the Craft of Toronto.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: This lodge was officially visited by me at its regular meeting on the 25th February, 1907. I found the lodge room well filled with enthusiastic members and visitors numbering 51. I was introduced to the lodge by R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, a P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and who has been a Mason for over 25 years. The third degree was exemplified in a commendable manner by W. Bro. David Hill and his officers. The Senior Deacon and W. M's work was particularly worthy of mention; in fact, all the officers did good work. Among the visitors were W. Bro. Rev. A. P. Brace, District Chaplain, and Bros. Taylor and Braund, of the Rising Sun Lodge; Bros. McLean and Bailey, of Richardson Lodge; W. Bro. MacDonald, of Vaughan Lodge; W. Bros. Riddell and Adamson, of Thornhill, and W. Bro. A. Boyle, of Montreal, and many others. I found the Secretary's books exceedingly well kept. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Nicholls, informed me that the members' dues were all paid and that the members were assisting the Semi-Centennial Fund in a most liberal manner. The lodge has a membership of 50 and the future prospects of the lodge appear to be most favorable. It owns the property and hall in which it meets, and has no debt upon it except an incumbrance of some \$300.00.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: At the regular meeting of this lodge on the 6th October, 1906, there was one

of the most brilliant gathering of Masons ever held in Toronto, the occasion being the presentation of a beautiful set of Grand Lodge regalia by the lodges of Toronto 7ast District, to R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M. The attendance of so many distinguished brethren fully showed the popularity of R. W. Bro. Harcourt. His courteous manner during the previous year when visiting the lodges of the district as District Deputy made him exceedingly popular. W. Bro. George H. D. Lee, the W. M., cordially received the many distinguished brethren, among whom were: M. W. Bros. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; Benjamin Allen, P. G. M., and E. T. Malone, K. C., Grand Treasurer, of the Grand Lodge of Canada; Rev. C. Ensor Sharp, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and Dr. D. J. Goggin, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; R. W. Bros. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W.; Wm. D. Tye, G. R., Goderich; G. Hutcheson, D. D. G. M. of No. 12 District; Jos. Beck, P. D. D. G. M., Goderich; J. W. Watson, P. D. D. G. M. No. 12 District; Judge D. F. MacWatt, P. D. D. G. M., Sarnia; A. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., Kingston; Donald Ross, P. D. D. G. M., Prince Edward District; Bro. Rev. Dr. Wm. Clark, of Trinity University, and seven or more Church of England clergymen who are members of the Craft. The presentation to R. W. Bro. Harcourt, on behalf of the district, was made by W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman and V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith. The first degree, which was also during the evening conferred in a highly creditable manner by the Past Masters of the lodge, with R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite in the chair. During the conferring of the degree the members of Doric lodge quartette, under the leadership of Bro. Marc T. Lester, rendered several excellent musical selections, for which they received the thanks of the lodge. The banquet which followed the presentation in the lodge room was of the most happy character. On the 7th May I officially visited this lodge and saw the first degree exemplified by its regular officers, with W. Bro. Graham Thompson, the W. M., in the chair. The work was well done. This lodge has a membership of 226, and there are no arrears for dues upon its books. This is owing to the energy of R. W. Bro. Postlethwaite, the Treasurer of the lodge, who leaves no stone unturned to see that the members promptly pay their dues. This lodge has also paid into

the Semi-Centennial Fund \$1,146.50, which is more than its proportionate share. The lodge is in a most flourishing condition.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: On the 1st April last I officially visited this lodge, when I witnessed W. Bro. J. G. Gladman, the W. M., and his officers confer the first degree in such a manner as to meet with my heartiest approval. I also found the lodge to be in a good condition financially and otherwise and the brethren enthused with a splendid good Masonic spirit. Among the brethren present on this occasion were R. W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, W. Bros. Rev. John Coburne, W. M. of Northern Light Lodge, Stayner, Ont; Robert Ferguson, W. M. of York Lodge, Eglington, and J. G. Cane, of Zeta Lodge, Toronto, as well as W. Bros. J. H. McKinnon, H. S. King, Jas. G. Boyce, W. R. Cavell, Spencer Love, M. Stewart and Alexander Gillies. After the conclusion of the work in the lodge room a most enjoyable time was spent at the festive board.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham: This lodge was visited by me on 26th April, when the E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. James Malcolm, the W. M., and his officers. The work was fairly well done. I found peace and harmony prevailing among the brethren, and the future prospects of the lodge are of the brightest. I was entertained loyally by the brethren while visiting them.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Queensville: This lodge is situated in a very pretty part of the district, and it was visited by me on the 4th of June, 1907. This lodge has an exceedingly capable Secretary, W. Bro. B. F. Pearson, and no doubt a good deal as to the progress of the lodge depends upon the energy he displays in its welfare. During my visit the first degree was conferred in a faultless manner by the W. M., W. Bro. J. T. Power, and his officers. The lodge possesses a neatly furnished lodge room, and a successful future is fully assured for it.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: This lodge was visited by me on the 3rd of May, and I am sorry to say that the meeting on this occasion was far from being well attended by the brethren. I found a great lack of interest among the brethren as to the welfare of the lodge owing to some internal differences existing among them. Some of the best members of the lodge are keeping them-

selves away from the meetings of the lodge owing to this feeling. This is to be regretted, because Newmarket is a flourishing town and is worthy of a good Masonic lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. N. L. Rogers, expressed himself as being sorry for the small attendance of the members to greet me. It is to be hoped that a better Masonic feeling will soon exist among the brethren of this lodge. It is to be regretted that the old stand-bys of the lodge are keeping away from the meetings on account of some internal differences. It is their duty as Masons, I think, to stand by the lodge and have matters righted.

The Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: This being my mother lodge, I asked R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, P. D. D. G. M. of Toronto West District, to visit it with me and to report upon its workings, which he kindly did, and I submit his report as follows: "I gladly accepted the invitation of my good friend and brother, D. A. Radcliffe, to accompany him on his visit of inspection to his mother lodge, the Rising Sun, No. 129, Aurora. The journey from Toronto was made by private car, and by the time it reached its destination seating capacity was almost at a premium. I feel that the R. W. brother knew full well that the work would be exemplified by W. Bro. W. H. Taylor, W. M., and his officers in an almost faultless manner, but being an Englishman born it need hardly be said that nothing but his bashfulness and modesty made it difficult for him to say so. It was therefore my pleasure to save him from any embarrassment. The pleasure of my visit was also enhanced by the company of R. W. Bro. J. Edward Francis, P. D. D. G. M. No. 11 District. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present, among whom might be mentioned W. Bros. W. H. Berchard, W. J. Stevenson, M. D., F. T. Daville, F. Baldwin, E. Braund and C. S. Russell, Past Masters of the lodge; also W. Bros. T. A. Lemon, W. M. of Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill; Robert Ferguson, W. M. of York Lodge, No. 156, Eglinton; R. F. Segsworth, P. M. Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto; J. T. Power and W. J. Hill, P. M's of Sharon Lodge, No. 97; W. J. Douglas and A. J. Brown, P. M's of York Lodge; A. Gillies, P. M. Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto; W. R. Cavell, P. M. of Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto; A. B. Carley, Geo. Egan and A. McCallum, P. M's of Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King City. The officers of the

lodge were all in their places excepting the Inner Guard, this position being admirably filled by W. Bro. Berchard, I. P. M. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Taylor and his officers in a manner seldom excelled. The work of nearly every officer was performed in such a manner as to show careful training and thorough knowledge of its meaning. I may say the work as a whole was of the highest standard, every officer doing his part with honor to himself and credit to his lodge. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having as its Secretary W. Bro. Fred. Baldwin. His books are models of neatness and accuracy, and at the time of inspection I think but three brethren were two years in arrears for dues. The lodge is adding to its membership rapidly, and I am pleased to note that quality has been regarded as an important factor in the admission of members. The brethren of the Rising Sun Lodge are good entertainers, and a very pleasant hour was spent working the fourth degree. In company with the D. D. G. M. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at its meeting on St. John the Baptist Day, 24th June, and had the honor of installing W. Bro. W. J. Stevenson, M. D., the newly elected W. M., and investing the other officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year, being kindly and most ably assisted by R. W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe, D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, P. M. of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, and W. Bros. F. J. Daville, E. Braund, W. A. Berchard, C. S. Russell, P. M's of The Rising Sun Lodge. W. Bro. W. H. Taylor, the retiring W. M., is a good ritualist, an enthusiastic Mason, and immensely popular with his brethren. During his year of office twenty-two meetings have been held, eighteen have been added to the lodge's membership, eleven of which were initiations, six affiliations, and one reinstatement. The evening was a most enjoyable one. The outlook for this lodge is exceedingly bright. (Signed) Edmund M. Carleton, P. D. D. G. M. District No. 11." I must add a word to the R. W. brother's report. The building occupied by the Rising Sun Lodge was formerly an Episcopal Methodist Church, and was sold to the Masonic brethren after the union of the Methodist bodies. It is built of white brick and is admirably suited for the purpose for which it is now used, having a very large floor space, and is well furnished and decorated throughout. The most striking

feature of the decorations is a handsome painting of the tracing board on the wall immediately behind the chair of the W. M., which is certainly a work of art. It was painted by the wife of W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Stevenson, P. M. of the Rising Sun Lodge, and is a lasting monument to her skill as an artist. W. Bro. Dr. Stevenson is to be congratulated in having secured for a life partner a lady who, in addition to her other good qualities, possesses so rare a gift.

Richardson Lodge, No. 134, Stouffville: This lodge was visited by me on the 25th April last, and I was greeted by a splendid attendance of the brethren. The first degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by the officers of the lodge, with W. Bro. F. W. Gray, the W. M., in the chair. I found everything connected with the lodge in a most satisfactory condition. The subsequent proceedings at the festive board were of a most enjoyable character.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: Owing to difficulties having arisen in this lodge during the previous year, when six brethren had been suspended by the Grand Master, a special meeting of the lodge was called for 12th November, 1906, for the express purpose of endeavoring to arrange matters satisfactory both to the Grand Lodge and Stevenson lodge. Among the Grand Lodge officers present on this occasion were: M. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, Grand Master; Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bros. A. T. Freed, D. G. M., and F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M. I occupied the chair on this occasion. After some discussion an arrangement was arrived at whereby some fifty brethren were to withdraw from the lodge and form another lodge, while the remaining members would still retain their membership with Stevenson lodge. During the evening W. Bro. J. H. Horswell was elected W. M., as well as apparently a good staff of officers. I officially visited this lodge on the 8th April, 1907, when the six brethren who had been suspended were restored by the consent and direction of the Grand Master to full membership in the lodge. There was no work done during the evening, but the utmost good feeling apparently prevailed among the brethren. I have been credibly informed that this lodge is now doing very well, and that many applications for membership are being received and the prospects of the lodge are good.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: On April 22nd I visited this lodge and there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. Among the visiting brethren were R. W. Bro. H. G. Hutcheson, D. D. G. M. Ontario District No. 12; W. Bro. W. A. Beatty and others. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present were: W. Bro. J. E. Gould (the first W. M. of the lodge), V. W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, W. Bros. D. Campbell, M. H. Crosby, T. Hardy, W. W. Johnston, S. S. Sharpe, Dr. H. Bascon, J. B. Gould and C. H. Nix. The first degree was conferred in good form by the W. M., R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, P. D. D. G. M., assisted by his officers. The festive proceedings were most enjoyable. Peace and harmony prevail among the brethren. I understand that some dissatisfaction had existed in this lodge, but it is becoming healed. The membership of the lodge is 72, and there are no arrears upon the books. The Secretary, Bro. V. M. Hare, is a most indefatigable worker for the welfare of the lodge.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: This lodge was visited by me on May 22nd last, when the first degree was fairly well done by the officers of the lodge, with W. Bro. Thos. Gregg, W. M., in the chair. The lodge shows a considerable amount of enterprise. The members have bought a building and lot, which they intend to have fixed up suitable for lodge purposes. While visiting this lodge I was well received and I found everything in a most satisfactory condition.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: It was on what was termed Irish night that I visited this lodge on the 21st March. The lodge room was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, palms and flowering plants, while the members of the lodge all wore boutonieres. There were 350 brethren present, among whom were: R. W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, J. W. Watson and W. R. Howse, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bros. Malcolm Gibbs, J. K. Knifton, V. W. Bros. Harry Leeson, H. T. Smith, J. W. Cowan and J. A. Elliott, Past Grand Lodge officers; W. Bros. Graham Thompson, W. Stinson, Geo. A. Kingston, W. A. Cavell, C. W. I. Woodland, L. H. Luke, P. T. Lee, Arthur Pearson, J. M. Wodland, Wm. McCartney, B. N. Davis, A. E. Burgess, Geo. H. Mitchell and I. B. Johnston. The third degree, with a full musical ritual, was conferred in an admirable manner by W. Bro. Carr Simpson and his

officers. I found the Secretary's books to be in a creditable condition, being well kept by the Secretary, Bro. J. B. Sutherland. I mentioned this fact, especially as the books of this lodge had become in a deplorable condition owing to a previous secretary having absconded from the country. During the evening a magnificent bouquet of roses was sent to the house of R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins, P. D. D. G. M., who owing to indisposition was confined to his house. The banquet proceedings on this occasion were most elaborate, the Master discharging the duties of toast master in an admirable way, and Bro. Rev. W. F. Wilson, D. D., delivered a most charming address in response to the toast of "The land of the Shamrock." The prospects of this lodge are exceedingly bright. Any difficulties which previously existed in this lodge are being forgotten and those interested in the welfare of the lodge are determined that nothing shall mar its future progress.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: At a meeting of this lodge on the 2nd April there was a large gathering of brethren present, in fact, the lodge room was packed to the doors, there being fully 300 brethren present, among whom were: M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W.; F. G. Inwood, E. M. Carleton and W. R. Howse, P. D. D. G. M's; Malcolm Gibbs, P. G. R.; V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, District Secretary; W. Bros. John O'Connor, Carr Simpson, D. G. Sturrock, Masters of Toronto lodges; W. Bros. H. S. King, R. W. Clewlo, J. H. Macabe, R. A. Donald, James Haywood, W. W. Vicars, W. J. L. Anderson, A. Pearson, A. Johnston, W. M. of Acacia Lodge, East Toronto; R. F. Segsworth, Ed. Mack, W. J. Chick, B. Cairns, F. H. Anderson, J. W. Thompson and A. Gillies. The E. A. degree was conferred, with W. Bro. J. W. Redford, the W. M., and his officers in a manner as to bring forth my highest commendation. The rendition of the ritualistic work was enhanced very much by excellent musical selections by the choir of the lodge. W. Bro. F. H. Anderson, the Secretary of the lodge, keeps his books in an excellent condition. The utmost good feeling prevails among the brethren. The proceedings in the banqueting hall were both instructive and entertaining.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: On Saturday evening, the 6th April, I officially visited this lodge, when the first degree was conferred in a most creditable manner

by M. W. Bro. C. B. M. Murray, the W. M., and his officers. The choir of this lodge, which is an excellent one, aided very materially towards the impressiveness of the degree work. Among the prominent brethren present were: R. W. Bro. H. T. White, P. G. J. W.; W. Bros. H. H. McKague, W. J. Sykes, A. MacDonald, Ed. Barber, George McQuillan, Robert Ferguson and D. A. Burritt, of Corinthian Lodge, Peterborough. This lodge is in a splendid condition financially, it has but \$25 upon its books for arrears of dues by the members. The Secretary's books are exceedingly well kept and the prospects of the lodge are of the best.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: This lodge was visited by me on the 27th March last. The W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Campbell, and his officers conferred the first degree in an exceedingly able manner. I found this lodge in an excellent condition and the Secretary's books well kept. Bro. Rev. John Vicars, the Chaplain of the lodge, takes a deep interest in the work of the lodge; he not only acts as Chaplain but also as Organist. The festive proceedings were most enjoyable.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: On the 5th of April I visited this lodge, when there were nearly 250 brethren present. W. Bro. A. G. Saunders, the W. M., and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner which brought forth not only my highest commendation but praise from many of the visiting brethren. Among those present were: V. W. Bros. Geo. K. Clemens and A. G. Haywood, W. Bros. Frank Saunders, J. J. Mains, Joseph Hickson, W. B. Stoneham, R. W. Brennan, Samuel Nelson, H. Meadows, J. H. McKinnon, James Hewlett, W. M. of Occident Lodge; Graham Thompson, of Ionic Lodge, and W. Bro. Slade, W. M. of True Blue Lodge, Bolton. The Secretary, Bro. R. C. Gallaher, keeps his books in an excellent condition. The Past Masters of this lodge also take a deep interest in its welfare and they attend its meetings regularly. The proceedings in the banqueting hall were of a pleasing nature. This lodge is noted for its excellent entertainments at its festive board.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: I visited this lodge on the 22nd March, when the first degree was worked in a highly creditable manner by W. Bro. J. G. Cane, the M., and his officers. I was pleased to find that W. Bro.

Col. J. T. Thompson, P. M. of the lodge, had a son who is taking an active interest in the work of the lodge. Among the brethren present were W. Bros. W. R. Cavell, Ed. Barber, A. Gillies, D. Gregg, Geo. MacQuillan, J. J. Hoidge, Allan Mitchell, T. Pendrith, Geo. H. Mitchell, J. T. McMulkin, R. E. Porte, T. Ferguson, J. O'Connor, J. G. Gladman, A. McKinnon, J. W. Payne and J. C. Gray. The lodge appears to be in a most flourishing condition and peace and harmony prevail among the brethren. The festive board proceedings were of an enjoyable character.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering;; March 28th last I visited this lodge and witnessed the first and second degrees conferred in a most impressive manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper, and his officers. The floor work of Bro. Alexander Findlay was exceedingly well executed. Among those present were W. Bro. A. Gillies, P. M. of Orient Lodge, Toronto; W. Bros. R. Price and R. Phillips, of Brougham Union Lodge, of Claremont. I also met at this meeting W. Bro. Kerr, of Pickering, an esteemed and very old friend of mine. The hospitality I received at the hands of the W. M. was exceedingly good, and during my stay at Pickering I received the greatest kindness from the brethren of the lodge with whom I came in contact. This lodge is in a most prosperous condition.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: This lodge was visited by me on the 18th of March, and I was greeted by the attendance of a large number of brethren, among whom were R. W. Bro. W. L. Baynes Reed, Past Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bros. John Parsells and John McP. Ross, W. Bros. J. W. Johnston, Charles Fitzpatrick, W. R. Walters, John Richardson, T. Brownley, B. Cairns, A. Gillies, Ira Bates, Ed. Mack, F. H. Anderson, J. C. Sharpe. The first degree was conferred in an admirable manner by the officers of the lodge, with W. Bro. Arthur Johnston, W. M., in the chair. The present membership of the lodge in good standing is 127, and the future prospects of the lodge are exceedingly bright.

The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balmy Beach, Toronto: The new temple of this lodge at Balmy Beach was consecrated and dedicated on the 2nd January last before a large attendance of brethren. The new temple, as well as the land, is owned by the members of the lodge, and

the building presents a most imposing appearance. During the evening the installation ceremony of the officers for the ensuing year took place. M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, performed the ceremony of consecration. I performed the ceremony of dedication and R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, P. D. D. G. M., the ceremony of installation. The other brethren who assisted in the due performance of the ceremonies were: R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W.; W. Bros. James Haywood, A. E. Hagerman, J. D. Bailey, R. E. Porte, J. W. Johnston, A. J. Johnston, W. A. Lyon, and others. The newly installed Master W. Bro. John McCurrah, presided at the festive board, where a most enjoyable time was spent. I officially visited this lodge on the 10th May, when I witnessed the first degree conferred in an admirable manner by W. Bro. J. McCurrah and his officers. I found the books of the Secretary well kept. This lodge has a bright future before it, for it is situated in a growing and flourishing community within a few miles from the city of Toronto.

Before closing my report I desire to call attention to the lack of promptness displayed by the Secretaries of several of the lodges in the district in forwarding the statistical forms which they are required to fill out for me to attach to my report. I understand the same difficulty arises year after year regarding this lack of promptitude on the part of some of the Secretaries. This should not happen, as it retards the D. D. G. M. in sending his report to Grand Lodge. My year of office has been a most enjoyable one. I entered upon the discharge of the duties with some misgivings, and if I have failed to carry out the duties of the office in a manner to meet the approbation of the brethren I trust they will overlook any of my shortcomings.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. A. RADCLIFFE, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto East District No. 11a.

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

With the close of the Masonic year and the completion of my duties as D. D. G. M. for Ontario District No. 12, ends one of the happiest years of my life, and I appreciate the honor and confidence the brethren conferred on me by granting me the privilege to represent the Grand Master in this district. I am free to confess that I found the duties rather more numerous and diverse than I expected and the difficulties frequently unexpected. I was sincerely touched by the universal kind treatment I met with at all my visits. Many friendships were formed which I trust may not soon be broken. All lodges but one were visited, some twice and three times, and I am glad to be in a position to say that all appointments were kept. Throughout the north country I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, and at all times had the benefit of his veteran experience to guide me. His assistance was invaluable and I will be a long time in repaying the debt. As regards my errors or short-comings, I can only say that a D. D. G. M. is human, and ask that the broad mantle of charity be thrown over my sins of omission and commission.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On January 7th I held a Lodge of Instruction in Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, my own lodge, on which occasion the lodge was doubly honored by the presence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Burritt, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Murray. The Grand Master made the meeting historic by performing the ceremony of dedication of Fidelity lodge. A large number of officers and brethren from the various lodges throughout the district, as well as visitors from other districts, and it has gone on record as one of the best Lodges of Instruction

ever held in this district. The ceremony of dedication of the lodge was performed in the morning. In the afternoon Murray Lodge, Beaverton, exemplified the first degree to the letter perfect. Harding Lodge, of Woodville, was unable to attend, but the Senior Deacon and candidate put in an appearance and a composite lodge was formed, which did the work very well on short notice, putting me under obligations to the several officers who granted their assistance when appealed to. In the evening the beautiful third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Drew and officers of Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, in a manner such as is but seldom equalled and never surpassed. The Grand Master awarded W. Bro. Drew his cordial appreciation, and M. W. Bro. Murray assured the brethren that he had not seen it more beautifully expressed in years. Fidelity lodge has, for a rural lodge, very commodious quarters, and after the Grand Master had addressed the lodge refreshments were served in the dining hall, followed by the usual toasts, that were nobly responded to. That of "The Ladies," by Bro. R. B. Brown, who is still a bachelor, was new to the Grand Lodge, and was received with applause, as well a song by Bro. J. Bennett Anderson, a missionary from South Australia, "My Ain Countree," which was rendered with a vim that created an enthusiastic reception.

Below is tabulated the report on each lodge as visited by the alphabetical order of the towns in which the lodge is held.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: I was unable to pay two visits to this lodge. The first, an informal one, was made on Christmas night. Only a small number of the brethren were in attendance, but I was well received and very glad to make the acquaintance of the brethren and to obtain their acceptance to an invitation to come to Port Perry and exemplify the first degree at Lodge of Instruction. My regular visit was made on March 26th. As might be expected, I found a larger number of the brethren present and several visitors, among them being W. Bros. Gregg and McQuillan, of Zeta lodge, Toronto. No candidate being in evidence, a brother was requisitioned to act as a candidate to be passed to the second degree. W. Bro. Walls, who had exemplified the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction, again proved his claim as an efficient officer. W. Bro. Furniss, who had been

acting as Secretary for some months, judging by the penmanship on his books, should have followed the calling of writing master. The lodge is in good sound condition and the dues well met. They are very careful in receiving applications.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon: On my visit to this lodge I was accompanied by brethren from Fencelon Falls, a distance of about 12 miles across country, but which saved me a much longer rail journey and delay at junction points. We found a goodly number of the of the lodge assembled and a very hospitable time awaited us. They have very suitable and well furnished quarters and are gaining ground, new members coming in and money in the bank. The work selected for the evening was the third degree, and I thought that some portions of the work as rendered might, with advantage to the candidate, be improved upon. This I pointed out, and the suggestion met with a favorable reception from the officers. W. Bro. Hurchmer is filling a two-year term in the chair, but is urging some of the younger brethren to be prepared to advance. W. Bro. Reid has his books and records neatly and accurately kept. They have the oldest baby Mason in the world—84 years young and 6 months old as a Mason.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: This is the second oldest lodge in the district and has had a checkered career. The village of Brooklin has not kept up with its neighbors, and it has many times been very hard to keep the lodge going, but I am now very glad to say that it has a good future. Many applications are being received and from very desirable material. It has had the rare good fortune during the last few years to have had as its Masters men of executive ability, the last three having been, respectively, an M. P., an M. P. P., and a Warden of the County. Unfortunately during the depression, there being no candidates, the work was allowed to fall below the standard, as the Masters not being called on to give the ceremonies they did not get the work up. I was obliged to call the attention of Grand Lodge to this, and I understand that already considerable improvement has been made with the good material they have. A little drilling will put this fine old lodge where it can make the others sit up. Unfortunately the Master, W. Bro. Richardson, was away on the occasion of my visit, Febru-

ary 26th, and as the candidate did not turn up no work was done. The lodge gave a very successful "at home" that was a credit to their efforts. They own a large building, occupy the top flat and rent the lower as a town hall. Only a small debt is against this, which leaves them in a strong position. W. Bro. J. J. Moore is the Secretary, and keeps his books well, and in fact is a mainstay to the lodge.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: This lodge is in a flourishing condition, and I had the unqualified pleasure of making three visits. My first was on a very cold night, January 23rd, not too cold for the brethren to turn out, but too cold for the candidate, who lived at a considerable distance. No work was done, but an enjoyable evening was spent, and I promised to call again. My second visit was more fortunate, a candidate for initiation as well as one to be raised to the third degree presented themselves. The W. M., W. Bro. Burgoyne, gave the first degree in a very finished manner, highly creditable to himself and the lodge. The third was rendered by W. Bro. Clark, of Haliburton, with a dignity which could not fail to impress itself on the candidate. My third visit was simply at an emergent meeting called to attend divine service, which call, I am pleased to say, many local brethren obeyed and many visiting brethren accepted, among others M. W. Bro. Harding, who, as stated, was away when I visited his lodge. The sermon was preached by the Senior Warden, a Methodist divine, who, unfortunately, is leaving town. R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald is the untiring Secretary of this lodge, his books models of neatness and accuracy. The finances are healthy, the dues all paid, and the prospects bright for The Spry lodge.

North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton: This lodge, as its name indicates, is farthest north in the district, in the prettily situated village of Haliburton. I was met and accompanied on this occasion by brethren from Fenelon Falls and Kinmount. We received a warm welcome from the brethren and found a number of visitors had signed the Tyler's book. A very pleasant evening was spent; the members and visitors filled the lodge room to such an extent as to considerably incommode the Deacons in their duty. W. Bro. Clark raised a candidate, assisted by a staff of excellent officers. I

have referred elsewhere to the manner in which W. Bro. Clark does his work so will not add further comment here. W. Bro. Jones, the Secretary, had a creditable record of the lodge and has been prompt in his duties. The position of the lodge is sound and will prosper.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield: On the 19th of April I was enabled to visit this lodge accompanied by officers from Woodville, though it is very late when the evening train arrives. This lodge has suffered severely from withdrawals, as it seems that many of the engineers working on that portion of the Trent Valley Canal were craftsmen, and not only visited but affiliated with this lodge. After the completion of this portion of the work they were called to other fields of labor and their withdrawal was a severe blow. However, the lodge has lots of vitality and is putting up a good fight, with prospects of overcoming all difficulties. The W. M., W. Bro. Ross, initiated a candidate and performed the ceremony in a deliberate manner so as to impress the candidate. The Secretary, Bro. Graham, showed care in the condition of the books. I look for a considerable revival in this lodge.

Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount: The brethren of this lodge invited me to install their officers on January 24th, which invitation I was very glad to be able to accept. On entering I found a good gathering. The W. M.-elect was presented by W. Bro. Smith, and with the assistance of Past Masters and visiting Masters a Board of Installed Masters was opened, R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald acting as Director of Ceremonies and Bro. White installed in the chair according to ancient custom. The Wardens and assistant officers having been invested, W. Bro. White proceeded to raise a candidate to the sublime degree in a very creditable manner, assisted in the lecture by W. Bro. Smith, whose delightful Scotch accent added a quaint charm to the beauty of the words. W. Bro. Train, the Secretary, has the minutes, correspondence and records of the lodge on a thoroughly business basis. On closing we were invited to a banquet at the hostelry of Bro. McKenzie that cannot be described by any other word than princely. The brethren are now looking for a suitable building to purchase. I wish them success in their venture.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: I was

enabled to visit this lodge on three occasions. My first visit was only semi-official on December 27th, and I arrived on a late train as W. Bro. Graham was just installed in the East, but in time to see him begin his duties by passing two candidates, thus proving the finding of the examining board. My regular visit was made on March 15th. The lodge had, since my previous visit, moved into very commodious quarters, and a large number of the brethren were present. M. W. Bro. Harding P. G. M., is a member of this lodge, and I was sorry to find that he was absent from home. Bro. Graham again showed himself familiar with the work by initiating one candidate and daising another. This lodge always has a lot of work before it. The officers ably help the Master in his duties, which are heavy, as do the numerous Past Masters who retain their zeal for the cause. My third visit was really unofficial and only deserves mention so far as it reflects the kindness of the Master in allowing me to give the third degree to a brother of Fidelity lodge who had removed to Lindsay. This lodge is fortunate in having a worthy Secretary, Bro. Corneil. He is prompt, accurate and competent and of great assistance to the W. M.

Acadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden: The village of Minden is not easy of access, but the drive from Kinmount in the company of brethren from Fenelon Falls on a fine spring afternoon was enjoyable, but as much could hardly be said of the drive at 5 next morning alone when the thermometer had fallen back to its winter level. This lodge has a very small room, but it is liberally and tastily furnished and thoroughly and efficiently equipped. A warm welcome greeted us here, and the W. M., W. Bro. Hartle, raised a candidate and conducted the affairs of the lodge in a manner that showed him not only a competent but a firm ruler. Bro. Walter Munn produced a carefully compiled and properly audited set of books and a system of records of the lodge well kept. The finances are healthy and the present condition and future prospects of the lodge good. This is the mother lodge of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Watson.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: The first of my regular round of official visits began in this lodge. Oshawa is the only town that has two lodges, viz., Lebanon and Cedar, and a very friendly rivalry exists be-

tween them. To the mutual advantage they use a common lodge room, and on the occasion of my visit November 13th I found a number of Cedar lodge members visiting. Here I met R. W. Bro. Punshon, who introduced me to the lodge, where there was a large attendance and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The work exemplified was the third degree, and two candidates were raised. W. Bro. Sinclair did his work in a very creditable manner, and a number of Past Masters were present and all able, apparently, to relieve the Master of his labors at any portion of the ceremony by picking up the thread. This lodge is well officered and does fine work. W. Bro. McLean, the Secretary, has the archives of the lodge tabulated and filed in convenient form, and his books are commendable.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: Being introduced by W. Bro. Drew, the Master of Cedar Lodge, I arranged to return in two weeks. Accordingly, on November 27 I visited Cedar lodge and was again introduced by R. W. Bro. Punshon, who is a member of this lodge, and who later in the evening gave a very dramatic rendering of a certain portion of the third degree. I was pleased at finding among the members of this lodge several old friends and acquaintances, some had been boys with me when Masonry was a sealed book to each of us. One, W. Bro. Baird, had received Masonic light with me in Fidelity lodge, Port Perry, and by command of the W. M. he was made to render a third degree, which he did in good Fidelity style, and I could not resist taking a portion of it off his hands, as he had done in the past, though I must confess I did not improve the rendering of the ceremony by interference. The W. M. also raised a candidate, and as I have already referred to the high class of work done by him and his officers at the Lodge of Instruction I need not repeat. This lodge also possess a number of Past Masters in love with the work and an assistance to the Master and pillars to the lodge. W. Bro. Murton the Secretary, has a set of books not only a credit to the lodge, but vastly superior to what we might expect from one in the profession of law.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry: This is my mother lodge, and I paid my official visit on March 29th. It was also the occasion of the farewell to our Master, W. Bro. Allison. Fidelity lodge is again unfortunate in

losing its Master. This has happened on three occasions, and as for Past Masters the majority have removed from Port Perry, leaving the East pretty bare. I must confess it is rather hard to be serious, and I felt that it was still harder for the brethren to take me seriously. In fact, it was well for me that the regret at losing our Master prevented undue levity. This is the second largest lodge in the district. It has a remarkably good suite of rooms and is now doing good work, having recovered from the loss above referred to, which had the effect at the time of lowering the standard of discipline. W. Bro. Allison gave a second degree and also initiated a candidate. During the period when the lodge was called from labor to refreshment Br. Allison was made the recipient of a suit case as a slight token of appreciation and remembrance. This lodge is growing in membership and has a good future.

King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland: Unfortunately I could not strike a night suitable to myself and the brethren of this lodge. They meet the same night as we do, and as I had arranged all other dates so as not to interfere with my duties as Secretary of Fidelity I wished to do so in this case, and the difficulty was to call an emergent meeting when some work was assured. I understand that they have their work in good shape, and I know the officers to be competent and full of work.

..Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: Composite lodge is the oldest lodge in the district. It has seen its semi-centennial, which unfortunately it overlooked and allowed to pass by without particular recognition. I visited this lodge on March 7th. W. Bro. J. J. Lynde is the present Master and has shown considerable zeal in office. During his term the lodge has held a ball, attended divine service clothed as Masons, and received a lecture on Masonic symbols. They also attended a funeral, but it would hardly be appropriate to commend the Master on this head, as death strikes no matter who is Master and the brethren have to pay the last sad office of respect to the departed brother. I was pleased at again meeting V. W. Bro. Taylor, who never misses a meeting and who is more than 50 years a Mason. The Secretary, Bro. McCormack, has a very complete and simple set of books on forms procured from an American house that particularly took my fancy, not only from the beautiful way he

kept them, but from the adaption to the wants of a lodge. I have recommended them to several lodges when asked about Masonic accounts. The lodge is showing great vitality and a bright future is ahead of it.

Harding Lodge, No. 477, Woodville: My first official act was to proceed to Woodville, by direction from the Grand Master, and constitute and consecrate this lodge, also to install W. Bro. Stabback in the East and invest the Wardens and assistant officers. I drove from here, as the train connections are bad, accompanied by W. Bros. Beatty, Swan and Allison, who had prepared the ceremony and were able to take the chairs during the Grand Lodge ceremony. There was a full turnout of the brethren, reinforced by officers from almost every lodge in the district, accompanied by a numerous retinue. R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald acted as Director of Ceremonies and assisted in the smooth running of the ceremony. A very excellent repast was served, and the toasts were more than usually well replied to. The meeting broke up at an early hour and myself and friends began our 24 mile drive in a drizzling rain, arriving home at 6 a. m. My second visit was made on April 5th, when I found that the S. W., Bro. Stacy, had been advanced to the East, where he showed himself a very capable officer, assisted by an excellent S. W. and J. W., Bros. Carnovan and Galloway. A candidate, a man of advanced years, was initiated, who very nearly collapsed during the ceremony. and the J. W., a medical man, was called on to dispense more than Masonic light. The working of this lodge is excellent. The Secretary, Bro. McIntyre, is leaving the town, and the lodge will feel his loss from that post, where he labored to the advantage of the craft. They own the building in which they hold their meetings, and are in good shape, with a future of the brightest.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. G. HUTCHESON, D. D. G. M.,

Ontario District No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Mem- bership		Degree's Confr'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief, in arrears.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
30	Composite.	Whitby	72	...	...	2	3	2	1	2	...	...	1	13	2	15	21	\$31 00	2	\$ 39 25	June 25, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
39	Mt. Zion.	Brooklin	36	4	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	10	15	15 00	6	84 00	Dec. 27, '06	A 1	Good	No	900 00
77	Faithful B.	Lindsay	171	23	...	19	16	13	4	1	2	1	2	15	6	21	...	38 15	18	90 00	Mch. 4, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	85	7	...	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	1	11	...	11	23	...	5	92 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	650 00
268	Verulam.	Bobcaygeon	51	10	...	9	9	4	1	1	...	...	...	14	1	15	14	...	13	110 20	Dec. 27, '06	A 1	Good	Yes	400 00
270	Cedar.	Oshawa	85	9	...	9	11	13	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	32	...	14	139 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	650 00
308	Victoria.	Kirkfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
406	The Spry.	Fenelon Falls.	69	4	...	4	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	11	2	13	18	...	1	5 00	June 24, '07	A 1	Good	Yes	600 00
408	Murray.	Beaverton	44	3	...	3	4	4	1	...	...	...	1	13	2	15	15	...	...	153 10	June 24, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	97	6	1	6	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	17	31	...	10	30 50	Mch. 13, '07	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
440	Arcadia.	Minden	50	3	3	4	6	5	...	3	...	...	...	13	1	14	13	10 00	...	45 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
451	Somerville.	Kinmount	53	4	2	4	4	9	...	2	...	...	...	13	13	20	23	23 00	10	6 00	Jan. 5, '07	V. y Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
463	N. Bn't'nee	Haliburton	34	5	1	3	3	4	2	...	1	...	...	13	2	15	14	5 00	2	32 25	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
464	King Edw.	Sunderland	51	3	3	3	2	...	2	2	...	...	2	15	2	17	15	...	9	3 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
477	Harding.	Woodville	42	5	...	4	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	12	12	24	13	...	1	...	...	...	...	Yes	...

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Hasonry in Prince Edward District during the past year. My election to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. of this district was a great surprise to me, and I accepted the office with much fear and trembling, knowing that I had been preceded by a long list of eminent men who had easily performed the duties in a most acceptable manner by reason of their high standing, great ability, and experience, and I felt that I could scarcely hope to keep up the pace set for me. However, I found that the duties of this office were much simplified by reason of the fact that they had been performed so thoroughly and well for so many years, and I found very little left for me to do. There were no quarrels or dissensions of any kind, and nothing but peace and harmony prevailed throughout the entire district, so that my fears were soon passed away, and in place thereof I felt that extreme gratitude was due to my predecessors for the light task they had left me to perform. It was light because of the perfect harmony which prevailed, and yet somewhat onerous on account of the large area covered by the twenty lodges extending over a territory of 65 miles between east and west and 166 miles between north and south, and the correspondence necessary to keep in touch at all times with all lodges.

My first official duty was the appointment of Bro. H. S. Keyes to the office of Secretary for the district, and I am pleased to know that he has since been elected Master of No. 91, and I trust he may follow in the footsteps of his father, who has been Secretary of Colborne lodge continuously now for almost forty years, and during all that time has the unprecedented record of having never been absent from a meeting. At the same time I ap-

pointed W. Bro. Rev. A. K. McLeod, of Brighton, to the office of District Chaplain.

I visited every lodge in the district, and in all cases was received with uniform courtesy and kindness. Generally speaking the condition of the Craft throughout this district is very gratifying, yet it was only to be expected that I should find some lodges more prosperous and efficient than others. This was, to my mind, due largely to the influence of the officers and Past Masters, who united to maintain an active interest among the brethren, and this very often manifested itself in adequate quarters and complete modern equipments. Wherever such improvements were found there was also an apparent effort to do all things as well as possible. I do not think it is either necessary or wise for me to narrate the details of my twenty visits, for my report would be far too lengthy, but I may say that the officers and brethren in every lodge showed plainly a desire to perform their duties to the best of their ability and they certainly succeeded well and deserve great praise. Beyond this I shall confine myself to special matters.

Wherever I visited I was delighted to see the work well done, with very general uniformity, and yet I had no difficulty in noticing distinctive features in almost every lodge which were most interesting and instructive.

Tweed lodge is to be congratulated upon new quarters, which were dedicated on the 12th day of October, A. L. 5906, under the able direction of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ponton, who had been intimately associated with the brethren there during the time of the improvements. I regret that it was impossible for me to be present at the dedication, but on my official visit I saw many indications of new activity and am pleased to report that they have had twenty initiations during the year.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, at Picton, which is the largest in the district, was most hospitable and efficient in every way, and indeed a marked cordiality prevails in all the lodges in that county. The banquet at Picton was unique, in as much as it was held in the church school, where the ladies of the church, most of them being wives and daughters of the brethren, served ample and choice refreshments to an immense number of the Craft, and the speech making was bright and entertaining as well as in-

structive. I am much indebted to R. W. Bro. Wright for his assistance in the performance of my official duties.

Star in the East Lodge at Wellington gave evidences of great activity and prosperity, and the brethren there are entitled to be congratulated upon their well furnished and spacious hall and a most elaborate banquet.

The hub of Masonry in this district is undoubtedly in the city of Belleville, where three fine lodges meet in a magnificent, beautifully lighted, decorated and equipped temple, of which they are justly proud. Their receptions were all most pleasing, and the work in all degrees, including the fourth, was all that could be desired. A large "at home" was given by The Belleville Lodge, which included the wives and daughters and sweethearts of the brethren, and I was honored by being permitted to present nineteen Past Masters with jewels in recognition of their valued services to the Craft. I was accorded a similar honor in Marmora lodge, where I learned that the custom of presenting Past Master's jewels had prevailed for some time. I find that this custom has been followed in many lodges and is highly commendable, and I have recommended all brethren to remember in some like manner those pillars of Masonry which are to be found in every lodge—I refer to those old Masons who have been the means of holding up the Craft during many less prosperous days and who are still active and faithful brethren. The banquet given by the brethren at Marmora was a great success.

Some officers attempt to rush through their work too rapidly—they may possibly be excited or somewhat nervous on account of the presence of the representative of the Grand Master; and others are not careful enough to preserve strict order during some of the most solemn parts of the ceremonies, but a fitting and deliberate dignity was noticeable in the way the officers of Craig lodge at Deseronto performed their work, and they are to be congratulated on having magnificent large tracing boards, executed in oil by a talented artist, which are the finest I have seen in this district or elsewhere. One such tracing board is to be found in Colborne lodge, but generally throughout this district the tracing boards are rather inferior.

Bancroft Lodge, under dispensation, is making good progress notwithstanding the serious loss they sustained

by fire soon after being opened, and I recommend that a charter be now granted to the brethren there. The officers of Consecon lodge deserve praise for the faultless way in which they do the work in the third degree, and Percy Lodge at Warkworth is particularly at home in the same degree, in which, as I understand, W. Bro. Humphries generally lends a willing hand. Golden Rule Lodge at Campbellford shows evidence of new life and will no doubt increase in numbers in the near future. Trent Lodge at Trenton, Franck Lodge at Frankford, and United Lodge at Brighton seem to be growing rapidly in numbers and a noticeable desire to promote Masonry obtains in all of them. The night I visited Lake Lodge at Ameliasburg was very stormy, but yet a goodly number of the faithful craftsmen were on hand and did credit to their mother lodge. Stirling Lodge, at the time of my official visit there, had the distinction of being presided over by R. W. Bro. Shaw, who has evidently done much for its welfare during many years, and R. W. Bro. Halliwell was also present for the first time after his serious accident and assisted, though barely able to walk. Madoc Lodge has a large membership and appears to be doing excellent work. The number of members in Old St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, is rather small for the town. They have good quarters and good officers and many efficient Past Masters, and with their fine population should have as strong a lodge as any place in the district.

Realizing that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, I availed myself of a generous offer, and my official visit to Colborne Lodge will long be remembered by the brethren, not for anything which I did, but for a most instructive Masonic lecture R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan very kindly delivered. Many lodges in this district have also sat in breathless silence while he expounded the beauties of nature and science, and explained the historic tenets and principles of the Craft in eloquent terms, and while he recited with dramatic effect Masonic and patriotic masterpieces, for which he is so eminently qualified. Masonry in this district has certainly been stimulated by his inspiring addresses. He delivered a lecture to the brethren of United Lodge at Brighton, and also to the brethren at Picton on the occasion of my official visit there, and he assisted in receiving me on my official visit to Craig Lodge at Deseronto,

where I was delighted to meet the founder of that lodge, Rev. Mr. Craig, who came up from Kingston especially for that occasion.

I endeavored to follow my instructions in reference to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund to the best of my ability, and urged the brethren in all the more prosperous lodges very strongly to perform what appeared to me to be their clear duty toward this fund. I had much encouragement in many instances, and, if the promises made are carried out, I expect some lodges in this district will complete their full subscriptions toward the fund. I am pleased to report to you that my mother lodge, Colborne, No. 91, which held the record in this district last year, has now forwarded to the Most Worshipful the Grand Secretary the full amount asked for by Grand Lodge. The wealthy and prosperous lodges of the city of Belleville have not contributed very largely to the fund in the past, but I am pleased to inform you that I received assurances from all of them that this matter would be taken up in earnest, and I expect they have now forwarded additional subscriptions and that they will in the near future do their full duty and thus be entitled to be regarded as our leaders in this as well as in other respects.

This district mourns over the loss by death of thirty-one faithful brethren during the past year. Five lodges escaped with an unbroken circle, while Picton and Colborne each lost four and Consecon three brethren. Two each were lost to Moira, St. John's, Belleville, Franck, Percy, Marmora, Eureka and Craig Lodges, and one each to Trent, Madoc, Lake and Bancroft Lodges. Notwithstanding these serious losses and those sustained by resignations and suspensions, Masonry in this district has increased by 198 members during the past year.

I desire especially to acknowledge my gratitude to the officers and Past Masters of Colborne lodge, who thronged to Toronto at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of many others from this district, elected me to the honorable position which I now occupy. I hesitated then, but I have no regrets now. I do not know that I have been of much service to the Craft during the past year, but I am sure I have derived much benefit from my intercourse with the brethren. However, I trust that my feeble efforts may have been of some avail and that Masonry may continue to flourish and

spread her benign influence over this district as well as the entire jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

List of deceased brethren in Prince Edward District No. 13, from 24th June, 1906, to 24th June, 1907:

Moirs Lodge, No. 11: Bro. William J. McCammon, M. M., died July 6th, 1906, and was buried at Tweed, Ont., on the 8th July, 1906, with Masonic honors; Bro. Isaiah Huffman, died on March 17th, 1907, and was buried in the Belleville cemetery on March 19th, 1907. Both of these brethren were true Masons, but never held any office.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17: Bro. John Boyd, an old and much esteemed member of 33 years standing, was buried with Masonic honors on December 9th, 1906; Bro. Winifred Stewart, a member of 3 years' standing and a young man of 30 years of age, was given a large Masonic funeral on May 30th, 1907.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18: Bro. William Harvey Solmes, died 16th June, 1906; Bro. Jonathan Mottashed, died 16th October, 1906; Bro. James Gough, died 21st October, 1906; Bro. Benjamin Franklin Blakely, died 13th March, 1907.

United Lodge No. 29: No deaths.

Trent Lodge, No. 38: Bro. John Craig Wilkins, son of R. W. Bro. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, joined this lodge by affiliation on April 3rd, 1906, and died on September 3rd, 1906, being buried with Masonic honors. He was made in Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 38, G. R. Q., and affiliated with this lodge of same number, 38, G. R. C.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50: Bro. P. V. Buck, died April 10th, 1907; Bro. John Ward, died January 8th, 1907; Bro. H. Palmer, died June 22nd, 1907.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69: No deaths.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91: W. Bro. S. J. Tucker, aged 50, initiated June 6th, 1884, died September 2nd, 1906, and was buried at Colborne with Masonic honors. He had been Master of this lodge and Director of Ceremonies, and was much respected. Bro. J. H. Minaker, aged 32, initiated March 17th, 1905, died November 26th, 1906, at Regina, where he had been employed by the C. P. R. and was buried at Colborne with Masonic honors. Bro. Joseph Priory, aged 69, initiated June 6th, 1873,

died December 8th, 1906, at the Home in Cobourg, where he and his wife had been sent by this lodge about one year previous, and was buried at Colborne with Masonic honors. His wife predeceased him about one month and was buried by this lodge at Colborne and a suitable monument has been erected for both of them. Bro. Priory was much respected by all, having been a most faithful Tyler for this lodge for many years. Bro. Marcus Tuttle, aged 68, initiated July 8th, 1870, died February 7th, 1907, and was buried at Colborne with Masonic honors. He had been Tyler of this lodge and was much respected.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123: Bro. W. D. Chisholm, M. M., died on October 22nd, 1906. He was initiated March 4th, 1897, passed April, 1897, and raised May 6th, 1897. Bro. George Sargent, M. M., died on November 3rd, 1906. He was initiated January 5th, 1882, passed February 2nd, 1882, and raised March 2nd, 1882.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126: No deaths.

Franck Lodge, No. 127: W. Bro. Chester W. Clarke was initiated about 30 years ago and was a P. M. and Secretary for a number of years. He lived and died a Mason in the fullest sense of the term. He died February 24th, 1907, and was buried with full Masonic honors. Bro. Orville Sills was a member of this lodge for a number of years. He was made a Mason in Toronto and afterwards affiliated with this lodge, but the record of his affiliation cannot be found. He died March 13th, 1907, and was buried at Picton. He was an enthusiastic Mason and an honorable man, highly esteemed in the community.

Percy Lodge, No. 161: Bro. Robert S. Elliott died in Edmonton February 11th, 1907, and was buried at Warkworth with Masonic honors on February 18th, 1907. Bro. Charles Smith died at Campbellford on March 12th, 1907, and was buried at Warkworth with Masonic honors on March 14th, 1907.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164: No deaths.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239: No deaths.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283: Bro. Malcolm Moon, M. M., died September 15th, 1906; Bro. James Bagart Holmes, M. M., died March 29th, 1907.

Craig Lodge, No. 401: Bro. Wm. Stoddart, a charter member of this lodge, died August 12th, 1906, and was buried with Masonic honors. Bro. Robert McLeod, a

life member of this lodge, died at Kingston, April 20th, 1907. He was superintendent of the Government Dry Dock there.

Bancroft Lodge, U. D.: Bro. James B. Cleak died June 8th, 1907, aged 58 years, 6 months. He was buried June 10th, 1907, with Masonic rites. He was a Master Mason and held the position of Secretary of this lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRANK L. WEBB, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District No. 13.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have sincere pleasure in submitting to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in this district. I wish in the first place to express my hearty thanks to the brethren for the honor they conferred upon me when they elected me to the highest office in their gift, an office, which I may say, I accepted with great reluctance, as I feared I had neither the time nor the inclination to perform its duties satisfactorily. Happily, I have had no cause to regret my decision in accepting the office, as owing to the uniform kindness and consideration of the brethren of the district, my duties, instead of proving onerous, have been a source of both pleasure and profit.

I visited, at least once, every lodge in the district, and the unfailing courtesy and fraternal reception that I received on these visits will ever remain in my memory as a source of pleasure and gratification. In many of my visits I was accompanied by Bro. D. A. Givens, of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, who was ever ready to throw aside business engagements and lend me a helping hand. His addresses to the brethren of the different lodges which we visited together were always interesting and helpful. In all my visits I tried to impress upon the brethren the urgent need there was for a prompt and generous response to the request of the Grand Master to complete their contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund. My efforts in this direction have, I believe, not been without some favorable results, though in some localities there was a lack of enthusiasm for this fund, which is extremely regrettable.

On the whole, however, I may say that Masonry in the 14th Masonic District, while not showing any phenomenal growth, is certainly flourishing. Harmony and a fraternal spirit prevails throughout the whole district, and

there is a genuine interest in the work. The character of the membership is high and representative.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: Accompanied by W. Bros. Pearson, Bibby, Smeaton, Bunt and R. W. Bro. Hendry I visited this lodge on October 8th, 1906. W. Bro. Caton conferred the third degree creditably, assisted by capable officers in the subordinate chairs. Bro. R. Bennett makes a very efficient Secretary. This lodge, everything considered, is doing very fair work.

Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, was visited on October 17th, 1906. The weather was exceptionally fine and the drive to the village and back to Kingston the next day was thoroughly enjoyable. This lodge, though recently established, is advancing rapidly in numbers and efficiency under W. Bro. Gardner, the W. M., who has thrown a great deal of energy into the work. The lodge has suffered two severe losses in the deaths of the Junior Warden, Bro. Willoughby, and the Secretary, Bro. Hawkins, who was a most painstaking officer. In spite of these losses, however, the work of the evening, which consisted of a passing, was done in an efficient manner.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: I visited this lodge on October 25th, 1906. Most of the brethren reside, not in Centreville, but in Enterprise and the surrounding country, consequently they are obliged to drive long distances to the meetings. In spite of this, however, there was a very good attendance. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Aylesworth, W. M., assisted by W. Bros. Carscallen, Longmore and Lockridge. These four brethren are certainly enthusiastic Masons, as they attend the meetings at which I was present, not only in Centreville, but at Tanworth, Newburgh and Bath. W. Bro. Cox is the efficient Secretary of this lodge. I again visited this lodge on June 20th, the occasion being the presentation of P. M's jewels to W. Bros. Cox and Wild. There were also four initiations at this meeting.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: I visited this lodge on October 29th, 1906, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Shaw. V. W. Bro. Smeaton, W. Bros. Pearson, Gimblett and Bro. Thompson. The third degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Armstrong, assisted by W. Bro. Northmore, in a manner which merited the greatest praise.

The excellence of the floor work, in which most country lodges are weak, was specially noticeable, all the officers being well up in their parts. There was a large attendance from surrounding lodges, and the really fine banquet and the speeches that followed were enjoyed by every Mason present. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition and its members show a deep interest in Masonry.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro: The trip down on the Rideau King, one of Bro. Noonan's fine line of steamers, to this beautiful little village, was a very pleasant one. Bro. D. A. Givens accompanied me, and we received a hearty welcome from the members of the Craft. The W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Johnston, and his officers exemplified the work of opening severally in the first, second and third degrees, and closing the same in a manner that left little to be desired. The speeches of W. Bro. Preston and R. W. Bros. John Dargavel and Lewis and others were features of the splendid banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Preston. This lodge is keeping up its name for progress and efficiency.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: The next day after our visit to Newboro lodge found us in Westport, where we were kindly welcomed at the station by W. Bro. Gorrell, an enthusiastic Mason, and one to whom Westport lodge is deeply indebted for his interest in her welfare. The W. M., W. Bro. W. C. Taylor, did the work of passing a candidate very creditably, but some of the minor officers were slightly deficient.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: I visited this lodge on January 23, 1907, one of the coldest nights of the winter, but the cold did not seem to affect the ardor of the members of the craft, as there was a very fair attendance. W. Bro. F. D. Miller, the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Nesbitt, did good work in the third degree. Among the visiting members were R. W. Bro. Longmore, W. Bros. Lockridge and Aylesworth, who were present at nearly every one of my meetings held in this part of the district. The brethren of Newburgh own the building in which their meetings are held, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition financially and in every other way.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: I visited on February 4, 1907, accompanied by R. W. Bros. A. Shaw, W. H. Macnee and Jas. A. Minnes, and W. Bros. Burns and Smeaton. The officers of the lodge were installed.

W. Bro. Thomas Lappen makes a very efficient Secretary, and the W. M., W. Bro. Mullin, is a capable officer. There was no degree work at this meeting.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: I visited this lodge on February 22, 1907, accompanied by W. Bro. T. D. Minnes. The second degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. A. Forsythe, in a correct and impressive manner. Among those present was R. W. Bro. Wartman and members from the surrounding lodges. This lodge is doing good work. Bro. McKim makes an excellent Secretary.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque. Accompanied by R. W. Bros. Nicolle and Kewton, V. W. Bro. Smeaton, W. Bro. Pearson, Bros. Givens, Winndt, Bawden and Wallace, I visited this lodge on February 26, 1907. The first degree was conferred on two candidates by the W. M., W. Bro. Black, assisted by R. W. Bro. Skinner. It has seldom been my good fortune to see better work than was done by all the officers of this lodge. This is one of the very brightest lodges in the province. Its membership is already large and it is increasing rapidly. The officers are most enthusiastic, and they have imbued the members with a like spirit. There was a very large attendance, among the visitors being a good representation from Clayton Lodge, New York State. It is a good omen to see the friendly spirit that exists between the members of these two lodges who, though under different jurisdictions, fraternize in the most cordial manner. At the banquet, which was a really splendid one, the toast of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was proposed in an apt speech by R. W. Bro. Skinner and responded to most eloquently by the W. M. of Clayton Lodge.

April 26th, 1907, I visited Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee. Though this is one of the oldest lodges in the district, like old wine it seems to improve with age. One could not look for a finer exemplification of the work of the second degree than that given by W. Bro. D. A. Vallean and other officers of this lodge. The attendance at this meeting was large, there being a fine representation from the surrounding lodges of the district, among the visitors being W. Bro. Aylesworth, of Newburgh, and R. W. Bro. Shaw, V. W. Bro. Smeaton, Bros. Bawden and Dickson, of Kingston. The banquet at the Royal Hotel was a most elaborate one, the Napanee brethren having

spared no expense in their preparations for my reception. Able speeches were given by R. W. Bro. Shaw and others. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition, and there can be no question of the deep interest the Napanee brethren manifest in the work of our order. The lodge room is handsome, and is beautifully furnished. The brethren of Union Lodge deserve great praise for their work and their true Masonic spirit. A pleasing event at this meeting was the presentation of a D. D. G. M. regalia to R. W. Bro. Longmore.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, was visited on March 20th, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Chas. A. Jones, had removed to Toronto Junction during the course of the winter, but was present at their meeting and conferred the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. Owing to his absence the other officers had not had the opportunity of working together, and in one or two instances there was shown a lack of proper preparation. The lodge has an efficient Secretary in W. Bro. J. A. Aylesworth and is doing good work. Several Centreville brethren were present at this meeting.

I visited The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, on April 4th. The second degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Daly, and his officers in a highly satisfactory manner. This lodge is noted for the excellence of its work. It is growing rapidly and is in a very healthy condition financially.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston, was visited March 5th. The W. M., W. Bro. F. W. Metcalfe, assisted by his officers and W. Bro. Tilley, conferred the second degree in a creditable manner. Among the members present were R. W. Bros. Welch and Nicolle. This lodge so far has had a prosperous year, and if it keeps up its present rate of growth ought to show a good increase in membership by the end of the year. Its finances are in good condition.

I visited Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston, my mother lodge, on 11th January, 1907. The work of the second degree was exemplified in an efficient manner by W. Bro. Pearson and officers. This lodge is in a flourishing condition both in point of numbers and efficiency, and the incoming members are of very desirable material and ought to make good Masons. Among the old and tried Masons of Cataraqui lodge I can not refrain from

mentioning V. W. Bro. Smeaton, who, though he is no longer a young man, never misses a meeting and is always ready to take any part of the work.

At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I decided, with the assistance of the three Kingston lodges, to hold a Lodge of Instruction for this district. Accordingly, on April 12th the brethren of the district, to the number of about 250, met in Kingston. I was very much pleased with the large attendance and the great enthusiasm shown by all those present, many of whom had, at considerable personal inconvenience, arranged to be present. The brethren from the outside lodges attended in large numbers, as the work was handed over entirely to them. The first and second degrees were exemplified during the afternoon and the third in the evening. The opening of the first degree was by Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, the first part by Leeds lodge, Gananoque, the second part and closing by Rideau lodge, Seeley's Bay. The opening of the second degree was by Simpson Lodge, Newboro, the first part by Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh, the second part by Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith. In the evening the third degree was exemplified, Westport Lodge opening; Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, putting on the first part; Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, the second part; Union Lodge, Napanee, the third part, and Victoria Lodge, Centreville, the closing. The following W. M's and their officers took part in the work, viz.: W. Bros. Geo. Johnson, Gorrell, Caton, Gardner, Aylesworth, Northmore, Nesbitt, Forsythe, Black, Vallean. The work by all the lodges in the three degrees was decidedly well done and was highly praised by the M. W. the Grand Master, especially the work of the third degree as exemplified by W. Bros. Northmore, of Bath; Black, of Gananoque, and Vallean, of Napanee. The banquet in the evening, which was held in the City Hall, was very largely attended. Addresses were delivered by the M. W. the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Morgan, of Deseronto; R. W. Bro. O'Flynn, of Belleville; R. W. Bro. Shaw, of Kingston, and others. I have to thank the committee from the Kingston lodges for their valuable assistance in arranging and carrying out the program, especially W. Bro. T. D. Minnes, who very kindly acted as Secretary.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

I have been advised of the following deaths: Bro. J. J. Moore on January 23, Bro. J. E. Booth on February 12, and Bro. W. G. Matthews, members of Leeds Lodge, No. 201; Bro. J. W. Bertram, of Albion Lodge, No. 109, on June 7; Bro. Nicholas Hugo, of Minden Lodge, No. 253, on December 21; Bro. Geo. R. Hawkins and Bro. John Willoughby, of Rideau Lodge, No. 460; R. W. Bro. F. B. Stratton, of Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Past Grand Chaplain and ex-President of the Bay of Quinte Conference of the Methodist Church, passed away 8th November, 1906; Bro. D. E. Rose, also a member of Lorne Lodge, No. 404, on 12th May, 1907; Bro. Anson Storms, of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, on July 12; Bro. Robert Boyes on April 2, Bro. J. R. Fraser on January 4, and Bro. George Schryer, members of Union Lodge, No. 9.

In conclusion I may say that the office which I took up with more or less of a feeling of reluctance has proved a source of pleasure. The cordiality of my reception by the lodges throughout the district and the whole-hearted manner in which they showed their appreciation of any suggestions I offered rendered my visits in every case pleasant. I have cause to believe that on the whole my work was not unappreciated, as was shown by the exceptionally large attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, which was the largest ever held in Kingston. I have to return my very hearty thanks to all the brethren of the district for their extreme kindness and courtesy, which I will ever remember.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. JACKSON, D. D. G. M.,

Masonic District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.		Total No. of all Mem.	Mem-ber-ship.		Degree's conf'd		Suspend-ions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.				
		Increase during year	Decrease during year		B. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Ablations.													Resignations.	Suspend-ions, N. P. D.	Regular.	Total.
3	A. St. John's	179	16	28	11	12	2	3	1	12	820	23	203	33	6	45	40	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	\$867 00			
9	Union	121	2	4	5	5	1	1	1	2	317	26	158	05	8	65	00	Dec. 28, '06	Good	Yes	\$800 00			
92	Cataragui.	181	13	11	7	7	3	2	3	2	3	15	118	00	14	81	00	Dec. 27, '06	Excell'nt	Yes	\$1050 00			
99	Albion	70	3	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	9	15	10	00	5	70	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	\$600 00			
19	Maple Leaf	61	4	5	6	6	1	1	2	1	14	18	10	00	5	18	00	June 24, '07	Good	Yes	\$300 00			
46	Pr. of Wales	69	5	5	6	6	1	1	1	1	13	13	80	00	8	24	00	Dec. 25, '06	Solvent	Yes				
57	Simpson.	69	2	1	2	1	1	1	4	12	23	15	20	00	9	65	00	June 24, '06	Good	Yes	Yes			
100	Leeds.	149	2	10	15	13	2	2	3	3	4	10	919	43	39	107	50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	\$600 00			
121	Elysian.	24	3	3	4	2	2	1	1	4	8	15	5	00	7	19	00	June, 1906	Good	Yes				
122	Pr. Arthur.	48	3	5	4	4	28	1	1	1	12	13	48	00	5	9	00	Feb'y 4, '06	Good	Yes	\$1000 00			
153	Minden	100	9	11	12	13	1	1	2	1	10	13	25	35	7	87	00	June 24, '06	Good	Yes				
99	Victoria.	34	2	6	2	3	1	1	1	12	12	13	80	00	7	27	50	July 14, '05	Fair	Yes	\$350 00			
41	Lorne.	64	5	7	4	5	1	1	1	12	13	20	15	00	3	11	80	June 24, '07	Good	Yes	\$200 00			
04	Westport.	47	7	8	7	8	7	1	1	13	31	16	5	50	7	98	00	Dec. 27, '06	A 1	Yes	\$200 00			
00	Rideau	57	3	2	3	4	4	1	1	13	31	20	31	00	0	.....	Jan'y, 1907.	Good	Yes	\$1000 00				

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

The cycle of time having passed, and the mystic craft at the close of another term, I have the honor of submitting to your consideration the state of Masonry in this district, and at the same time beg to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of St. Lawrence District, and confirmed by the Grand Lodge, in electing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. In entering upon the duties of the office (with a certain amount of diffidence) I had confidence in the district (by past experience) of the Masonic zeal and generous support accorded to my predecessors, which has been verified to the fullest extent, and at the close of my term of office I wish to convey my heartfelt thankfulness to the officers and brethren for the many acts of kindness and courteous receptions from all points of the district, by which I have been materially assisted, in performing the various duties subservient to the office, as I feel that without the hearty co-operation of every individual member in each district the full measure of usefulness of all office, however exalted, is lost, and though full of zeal, of non-effect. I have also to thank the many brethren who kindly accompanied me to the several lodges when making official visits—in many cases at the sacrifice of time. To render the work of the district as effective as possible, and to bring the members of the several lodges more in touch one with another, I have had the assistance of an able District Secretary in the person of Bro. G. W. Fluker and Bro. Rev. C. A. Sykes, as District Chaplain, both of St. Francis lodge, to whom I am indebted for kind assistance in their respective offices.

The district is full of Masonic zeal, healthy, vigorous and confident in the personnel of the officers of the several lodges, showing marked improvement in method,

manner and delivery, an earnest desire to observe the ancient landmarks and to adhere to the mystic rites, laboring more for quality than quantity, realizing the honor conferred upon one who may approach our portals in the prescribed manner. Most of the lodges are in good financial standing, in some cases having large amounts to their credit. The arrears are on the decrease, the dues fairly well paid up, suspensions for non-payment of dues is being enforced, as called for in the Constitution. The general attendance at the various meetings are encouraging to the W. M's and officers. Some of the lodges are well furnished and supplied with new regalia. The Secretaries books are in most cases well kept, some particularly so (and in others, room for improvement), showing care, assiduity and system. Harmony has prevailed throughout the district except for a time, when a dark cloud appeared above the horizon, which increased in size until the brethren of this particular lodge were dismayed and fearful of the results (and this in a lodge where for years the most perfect good feeling was paramount). This continued for some time, when the grandeur of our institution broke down the bulwarks of strife. Some leading spirits in the controversy, in spite of themselves, could not subdue the true Masonic spirit within them, came to the front with the olive branch, buried their differences, acknowledging their faults (with the outstretched hand) for reconciliation, thereby showing the true bond of brotherly love. The man, one of the above Masons, has been called away from the quarries by the G. A. O. T. U. to present his work for approval—will it stand the test of the square. Now the cloud has passed away, the silver lining of harmony once more prevails, it has filled its mission and proved a lesson to the Craft and all is peace. I pen this purposely and advisedly, though perhaps somewhat out of place, but the brethren will understand the good work was consummated without appeal to the D. D. G. M. or his assistance in any way. We have reason to be thankful for the large measure of success in the district, and the early appeal to the several lodges for co-operation in the work has been recognized.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Great Architect of the Universe has been pleased to summon the following brethren from the field of their accustomed labor to present their work for inspection.:

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Bro. David Colin Moshin, V. W. Bro. John Dunlop; Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, Bro. Abrin Allen, W. Bro. A. H. Phelps; 12 others not reported in full.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Agreeable to the wishes of the M. W. the Grand Master, we issued circular letters to the several lodges respecting said fund, showing our responsibility individually and collectively, the urgent need of reconsideration by those who had not contributed to the fund for reasons of their own. On all occasions, when making official visits, I have dwelt more or less on this subject as the circumstances required, pointing out that our district, as a unit, had not done its duty, though I am pleased to say some of the lodges have been most generous in gratuities we were far short, as a district, in our contributions to so deserving a cause. The fund must be raised, honor demands it, and trust that my appeal will result in a generous response for the honor of our district and welfare of the Order.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A most successful Lodge of Instruction was held in Brockville on Friday, the 29th day of March. The meeting was unique and suggestive on many points, from the fact that it was under the auspices of Sussex and Salem lodges, who kindly consented to convene the same, thus having the chairs occupied jointly by the W. M's, Wardens, etc., in the respective chairs. The gathering was large, larger than was anticipated, having representatives from all points, each lodge paying their quota of the expense (a percapita tax of ten cents per member), who carried away with them many points on procedure and ritualistic work for uniformity throughout the district, and I have had the pleasure of noting, when visiting the said lodges, a marked improvement in the floor and other work, showing the desirability of continuing the idea of annual gatherings of the brethren in the various districts, as one becomes more closely in touch with the members of the several lodges, who exchange ideas and thoughts that must arise, and who return to their respective homes imbued with more zeal and sense of importance of the institution of which they form an intregant part. The meeting was convened for 2.30 p. m., when the brethren as-

sembled in the spacious lodge room, of which Brockville brethren are justly proud, and opened in the first degree, which degree was exemplified by W. Bro. L. F. Blanchard and ably assisted by the officers of Macoy Lodge, No. 242, of Mallorytown. To say it was well done would not convey to the full extent the care, study and time given by the officers, as each and every one performed his respective part with precision, promptness and celerity, which was appreciated by the brethren present, more so from the fact that Mallorytown is situated in a limited sphere for material, of which they have more than the average. The lodge was then passed to the second degree by the officers of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, for the current term. W. Bro. Dr. F. C. Hagar in the chair exemplified the second or Fellowcraft degree in a manner that was in keeping with the credit of St. Francis for good work. The floor work was worthy of particular mention, as the officers had been but a short time in their respective chairs, showing the necessity of all lodges paying all possible attention to the precision, celerity, poetry of motion and measured steps required in the evolutions of the several parts. Some free and impartial discussion was appreciated, as they were discussed in the true spirit of good and welfare. The lodge then called off from labor for refreshment until 7.30. The lodge resumed labor at 8 p. m., and the several chairs were filled by Masters, Wardens, etc., of Sussex and Salem lodges, two in each of the respective chairs, which was unique and effective. The lodge was then raised to the third degree, and the said degree was exemplified by officers selected from the two lodges. The brethren of Sussex and Salem have a reputation in Masonic lore to preserve, and W. Bro. J. Greene, supported by a coterie of able officers, realized the honor and endeavored to impress, forcibly, upon those present, all the beauties emblematically, symbolic and rhetorical, that are within the compass of this portion, carrying, as it should, the convictions of the solemnity and culmination of a degree of which Masons are justly proud, a Master Mason's. Many points were discussed and an earnest desire shown by all to correct any slight errors that may have occurred, or expressed with a view preserving the ancient landmarks. Words will not express the debt I personally, and the district generally, owe to the officers and mem-

bers on Sussex and Salem lodges in their generous and ever ready helping hand in carrying out the large amount of work in the above, and also in catering for a banquet at the close of the work, when some two hundred and fifty gathered round the festive board to do justice to the good things set before them, which from an epicurean standpoint was all that could be desired, and it must have been of potent power, for it was followed by toast, speech, music and song, thrust and parry of merry jest and repartee that can only come from such a gathering that each and every one felt it was good to be there.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have had the pleasure and honor of visiting all the lodges in the district on the regular nights of meeting, except in two cases, which has been a source of profit to myself and I hope some benefit to the district.

Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, January 28: A progressive lodge, which some time ago was in low water, but the stalwarts of the district, root and branch, and others, by unity of action, perseverance and thrift, have come to the front, showing marked ability and earnestness in Masonic work.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn, January 29: The home of rank and intellect, painstaking, loyal, and well advanced in ritualistic forms and ceremonies, bright and earnest in Masonic greetings, true and trusty, with bright prospects for the future.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, February 26: Members of this lodge are known far and wide, congenial in spirit, masters of the art, impressive in work, and well grounded in the principles of the order, which have borne fruit in the near past, under peculiar circumstances, to their manhood.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, February 27: Within whose walls gather kindred spirits, military, professional, mercantile, lords of the soil, etc., on one social level, giving and receiving Masonic courtesies with the true spirit of brotherly love, such gatherings being an oasis in the wilderness of every-day life.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, March 2: A joint meeting of the above lodges, in what may be termed the hot-bed of Masonry, having a Masonic past, present and future, due to the mystic spirit that was implanted and has dwelt for so many

years, and still lives and bears fruit, and practiced by the brethren to a large extent, having calls on their time, money and zeal above other lodges in the district, they being in close proximity to the hospital and insane asylum, they act the part of the good samaritan and respond cheerfully to the many calls from the Craft, and in so doing do not forget the stranger outside the Masonic portals but share with them their bounty.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, April 23: Classical in name, and advancing in the science, realizing the need of close attention and attendance to the work, the spirit is there for development, the call to arms to all within their cable tow should suffice.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, April 24: Harmony in deed, precept and principle, being generously exemplified by the same with their neighbors, much to their credit, it is better to give than receive when same can be done in a good cause.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne, April 25: Figuratively, pulling down their barns and building greater, they are now in their new home, which speaks volumes for the energy and zeal of the little band who dwell in that picturesque district, who dispense the Masonic teachings with a liberal hand, being fishers of men who are true.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, May 7: The most eastern lodge in the district; certainly all the wise men have not left the east, for there are prophets and wise men dispensing Masonic teachings who are recognized by the craft in their own town as men of no mean order prospering and doing all things well.

True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth, May 10: Of ancient lineage, and located on the river Tay, can boast of many epochs in the history of our honorable body, being early pioneers in the Craft, have done much good, and great work in the past in lending the helping hand in forming new lodges and establishing the order in our land and now after a period of rest, are imbued with new blood, zeal and spirit.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, May 17: Not among the least of the aspirants for Masonic preferment in Masonic work, within its walls dwell harmony, peace and concord, which prompt the brethren to assist each in their several parts, thus bringing the rough ashlar

into true and proper form, true to their past record and their patron saint.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, June 17: Another resting place and home of early pioneer traditions, of craftsmanship and mystic ties, within whose walls hang sacred records of the dim past, grim with age but worth a king's ransom from a Masonic standpoint, and proportionately revered by their possessors, work still going on in the old stand, in the same old way.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta: Of historic renown, now about to celebrate its antiquity, being one of the first lodges in the district, and certainly living up to all the requirements of the ancient landmarks, observing the same in word and deed, bestowing their charity and hospitality on the deserving with no mean hands, composed of ardent workers in the Craft, a home where one can say it was good to be there.

In the foregoing I have summarized the general conditions of the lodges. Not wishing to deal with each lodge individually, as to its particular working I have already done so, it would not in our case be doing justice to the officers and members of the district. This I do advisedly, for obvious reasons, which the brethren will understand. The ritualistic and floor work and general delivery is good (of course some more lucid and impressive than others), except in two cases, which were below the average, and I feel convinced, by not drawing particular public attention to these, as I have already admonished them, that they will be better prepared and anxious to be on a par with others in the district. As a district we may well be proud of the large number of Masters and Past Masters who can, and do, exemplify the work in a manner that is a credit to the craft, and being, as they are, supported with an array of subordinate officers, efficient in the evolutions and responses of their respective positions, we can exclaim *Excelsior*, for we are not up to the standard or plane that can be reached. This motto is well to the fore, stimulating the aspirations of the neophyte and more experienced workman.

In conclusion I feel that the district has been true to itself by co-operation in all matters tending for the general good and welfare. I must again express my heartfelt thanks for the kind and generous assistance from the officers and brethren, including R. W. Bros. G.

K. Davey, R. Watchorn, G. B. Magee, E. A. Cummings, Dr. W. H. Waddell, and the officers and members of Sussex and Salem particularly in the work of the Craft and entertainment.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. T. MARTIN, D. D. G. M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 21th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership			Degree's Conf'd			Ailiations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
5	Sussex	Brockville	233	21	8	11	12	12	9	1	4	..	..	4	14	5	19	41	169	00	\$68	10 Dec. 27, '06	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	Trust
14	Tr. Britons	Perth	103	11	11	8	7	6	2	1	5	5	..	1	11	5	16	15	25	00	76	75 Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$700 00
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	141	9	11	6	6	6	3	2	5	5	..	1	114	5	19	38	50	00	.....	Dec. 29, '06	Exce'nt	Exce'nt	Yes	500 00
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	49	2	7	1	2	2	1	4	1	..	..	2	214	4	18	17	5	00	52	00 Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	83	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	211	4	15	15	15	00	25	00 Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
74	St. James	South Augusta	68	2	3	2	2	5	..	1	2	..	..	13	..	13	25	30	00	18	.....	Jan. 5, '07	Favorable	Good	Yes	600 00
85	Rising Sun	Althaus	62	8	4	6	6	5	2	2	..	..	..	2	12	2	14	..	..	..	92	25 Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	300 00
110	Central	Prescott	105	12	5	12	8	8	..	..	4	..	..	1	112	1	13	21	103	00	42	75 July 2, '06	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	750 00
242	Macoy	Mallorytown	88	10	1	10	11	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	114	5	19	25	50	00	41	75 Jan. 28, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
368	Salem	Brockville	162	23	8	19	16	1	3	1	6	..	..	1	112	10	22	38	119	00	93	00 June 24, '07	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	1700 00
370	Harmony	Delta	64	3	3	3	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	113	2	15	11	10	00	15	00 Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	44	5	1	4	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	11	1	12	15	..	..	20	00 Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
389	C. Fountain	North Augusta	48	4	1	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	2	11	15	15	00	7	23	85 Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
416	Lyn	Lyn	43	5	..	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	15	10	00	50	00 Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report for the Ottawa District No. 16. I have been able to visit all the lodges except one, as noted elsewhere. I have been called upon in nearly every instance to express my approval of the work and the enthusiasm of the brethren. The affairs and standing of the lodges are quite satisfactory, and it is evident the Order is undergoing a season of great expansion. Many gentlemen of high standing and ability are joining the lodges, and the great usefulness of the Order is now fully recognized and its influence is being established deep, wide and enduring.

I appointed W. Bro. T. W. Wright, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, to be District Secretary during my pleasure, also appointed the Rev. Bro. A. W. Mackay, of Civil Service Lodge, to be District Chaplain.

Corinthian Lodge, U. D.: As my duty required me to be able to vouch for the ability and capacity of the W. M. and officers of Corinthian Lodge, U. D., North Gower, I proceeded thither on the 31st August, 1906, and reviewed the following work: W. Bro. Clark Craig conferred the first degree, W. Bro. McCordick conferred the second degree, W. Bro. Clark Craig conferred the second degree, W. Bro. Cryderman conferred the second degree. The whole of the work and the management of the lodge was to my entire satisfaction, and the books of the Secretary are well kept. Accordingly, having received authority from the M. W. the Grand Master I again visited this lodge on the 28th September, 1906, and constituted and consecrated it in proper form. I was assisted by the following brethren: As G. M., R. W. Bro. Wm. Northwood; as D. G. M., R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee; as G. S. W., R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May; as G. J. W., Bro. Fred. Cook; as G. D. of C., R. W. Bro. John Wilson; as Treasurer U.

D., Bro. R. W. Watchorn; as Secretary, W. Bro. F. A. I. Davis; as Organist, W. Bro. W. J. Johnson; as Chaplain, W. Bro. A. E. Cowan; as G. J. B., W. Bro. J. R. Brownlee; as G. Pur., W. Bro. Duncan Brown; as G. D., W. Bro. John Huckel; as G. D., W. Bro. Fred. A. Henry. On the completion of the ceremony, including the installation, we were hospitably entertained by the brethren. As it is unlikely that I shall have an opportunity of again visiting this fine lodge, it is proper for me to say that in W. Bro. Clark Craig the brethren have a Master well fitted to uphold the dignity of Freemasonry and to enlighten the minds of his brethren, and the lodge will no doubt prove a great benefit to the community of North Gower and a credit to the Craft.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231: On the 16th October, 1906, I paid a visit to this lodge. W. Bro. Duncan Brown conferred the first degree for the first time. Two candidates were initiated, and the W. M. was ably assisted by V. W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, P. M. of the lodge. No complaint can be made as to the management of the work, and the finances were in good order. On the 18th December, 1906, I officially visited this lodge and was cordially received by W. Bro. Duncan Brown, W. M., who conferred the first degree. Forty-eight members of this fine lodge were present, also 50 visitors, including several distinguished brethren, among whom were R. W. Bro. W. Rea, R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw, R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and a number of sitting Masters. W. Bro. J. G. Scott, I. P. M. of the lodge, was presented with a P. M. jewel, which I had the honor of placing upon his breast. The worthy brother replied in a feeling manner, and he is without doubt a favorite with his brethren. V. W. Bro. Campbell's second son was initiated, making the third of the family now in the same lodge. The fourth degree proved a great success.

Russell Lodge, U. D.: Visited this lodge in the evening of the 19th October, accompanied by W. Bro. Walter Rowan, I. P. M., Civil Service Lodge. Raised three brethren to the sublime degree of M. M. The attendance was slim owing to the inclement weather. The W. M. was absent on account of indisposition. I presided myself, and I hope gave the brethren present some useful instruction. This lodge has an indefatigable Secretary in the person of Bro. W. H. Lowrie. This lodge, as is

sufficiently in evidence in the return presented, is prospering greatly. It has a fine new hall and every convenience for the proper carrying out of our ceremonies. W. Bro. Walter Rowan is joining the lodge in order to assist the brethren. It possesses many young members, who are well able to confer degrees as soon as they become qualified. I have therefore to recommend that a charter be granted to them.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122: On the 5th November, 1906, I visited in my official capacity this fine old lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. E. G. Shane, W. M., of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371; W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, of Fidelity Lodge; Bro. John Huckel, of Chaudiere Lodge; Bro. Wm. Grant, of Dalhousie Lodge; Bro. J. C. Campbell and R. W. Bro. N. W. Cleary, of Renfrew Lodge, P. D. D. G. M. We were introduced by R. W. Bro. David Barr and courteously received by the W M., W. Bro. H. Cox. The second degree was conferred in an unexceptional manner. I found the brethren engaged in one of those acts of grace so characteristic of this fraternity, and I leave them without fear in the hands of their W. M., who is without doubt able and willing to carry out the work of Masonry in strict accordance with our ancient customs. The opening and closing in the three degrees was executed with rigid accuracy and to my entire satisfaction. The Secretary, W. Bro. M. We-Kinnon, is a most efficient officer. We passed a pleasant evening (which I shall long remember) with song and speech.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264: On the 27th November, 1906, by invitation of the W. M., W. Bro. Robt. McCracken, I paid an official visit to this lodge, being my first official visit in the city of Ottawa as D. D. G. M. W. Bro. R. McCracken, W. M.; W. Bro. W. G. Wilson, I. P. M.; Bro. R. P. Taylor, S. W.; Bro. L. M. Chitty, J. W., and 49 members signed the register. One hundred and three visitors also signed. Among the latter I may mention the following distinguished brethren: Rev. A. W. Mackay, District Chaplain; M. W. Bro. W. Ross, G. M., Halifax, 215; W. Bro. A. G. Greenfield, Doric Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. A. T. Phillips, Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. W. A. Ostrum, P. M., Owasco No. 81, Owasco, Mich.; W. Bro. S. B. Sinclair, P. M., Builders Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. W. Rea, P. M., Builders

Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. W. A. Halliday, Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. W. McCoy, Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. Duncan Brown, W. M. Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa; M. W. Bro. John Yeo, P. G. M., Chaudiere, P. E. I.; M. W. Bro. John Ellis, P. G. M., St. John, N. B.; W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, P. M. Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston; W. Bro. E. G. Shane, W. M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. John Wilson, P. D. D. G. M., Prince of Wales, Ottawa; W. Bro. J. A. Hocking, W. M. Doric Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. Walter Rowan, P. M. Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. Stephen, P. D. D. G. M., Doric Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. J. Parrington, P. M. Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. John R. Reid, W. M. Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. John Storr, P. M. Doric Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. J. M. Lough, P. D. D. G. M., Occasca Lodge, Buckingham; W. Bro. W. B. Grainger, P. M. Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. E. A. Bradshaw, P. M. Builders Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. Rev. Thos. Garrett, P. M. Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. A. E. Cowan, P. M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. W. H. Sproule, P. M. Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa. As might be expected in this old and well appointed lodge, the work of opening and closing and the third degree conferred in an almost irreproachable manner, and although the large number of brethren present somewhat incommoded the officers I felt called upon to express my entire satisfaction with the proceedings. The utmost good feeling prevailed, and a choice supper added to the enjoyment of the brethren. Witty speeches were delivered by M. W. Bro. Ross, W. Bro. Reid, Bro. A. W. Mackay, and others. The Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. John Huckel, was presented with a gold locket of chaste design as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the whole of his brethren. At the request of the W. M. I presented this, and did so with more pleasure from the fact that Bro. Huckel is one of my oldest Masonic friends, our acquaintance extending over 38 years. He has my best respect and hearty congratulations. As Secretary of this fine lodge Bro. Thos. Saunders has earned for himself the esteem and applause of the whole of his brethren.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459: Visited officially Cobden Lodge, No. 459, on the 11th December, 1906. Although

I issued a number of invitations I was allowed to go alone, owing, I presume, to the near approach of the holiday season. None of the brethren were able to accompany me. W. Bro. Delahey and Bro. W. Muir introduced me to the W. M., by whom I was kindly received. The opening and closing in the three degrees was done well and the business of election of officers was proceeded with. The candidate was raised to the sublime degree, the work being done by the W. M. and his officers in a manner deserving commendation. The Secretary, Bro. J. Craymer, who I am pleased to say was re-elected, is thoroughly competent and a valuable assistant to the W. M. It was pleasing to me to meet on this occasion Bro. Geo. Ross, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, and Bro. H. H. Brayfield, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg.

Doric Lodge, No. 58: On the 4th of January, 1907, I visited this lodge for the purpose of installation of officers. Again on the 5th April, 1907, my official visit was paid. I was accompanied by a large deputation of the city brethren and others. The whole of the appointments of this lodge, its funds, insurance, etc., are in perfect order, and its business is carried on in strict accordance with the requirement of our constitution. The W. M., W. Bro. R. M. Armstrong, is a young and enthusiastic Mason, and bids fair to become one of the ablest exponents of our ceremonial, and I am satisfied is imbued with the true spirit of Masonry. He is ably supported by his immediate Past Master, W. Bro. J. A. Hocking, and many able and distinguished brethren are members of this lodge. It is therefore hardly necessary for me to say that the work of the evening, which was the exemplification of the first degree, was admirably put on and a most enjoyable evening was spent. At this meeting a matter of great interest to the craft at large was referred to me. It was pointed out that certain waiters employed by the caterer for the banquet were not members of the Order. I immediately ruled that these must be instantly dismissed. I understand, however, that there is some difference of opinion on this subject, but as far as I am personally concerned I am satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Craft that this be rigidly observed in order to preserve that impenetrable veil of secrecy which should surround all our proceedings and which lends so interesting an atmosphere to our communications.

Dalhousie Lodge, No: 52: Visited this lodge officially on the 5th February, 1907, on the occasion of a military evening and my official visit. W. Bro. R. Reid having given way on this occasion to his military brethren, the several chairs were filled by the following brethren: W. Bro. W. H. Sproule, W. M.; W. Bro. S. M. Rogers, I. P. M.; W. Bro. Jas. Parrington, S. W.; W. Bro. E. J. McCleary, J. .; W. Bro. J. A. Ewart, Treasurer; W. Bro. C. S. Scott, Secretary; W. Bro. L. W. C. Grant, S. D.; W. Bro. H. D. Johnson, J. D.; W. Bro. Rev. A. W. Mackay, Chaplain; W. Bro. M. Cap, Organist; W. Bro. W. G. Dial, D. of C.; W. Bro. A. McColl, Steward; W. Bro. J. D. Denny, Steward; W. Bro. John Carleton, I. G.; W. Bro. John B. Wright, O. G. The M. W. the Grand Master honored the occasion by his presence, also a large number of distinguished brethren, many of them from widely separated parts of the Dominion, amongst who were noticed Senator John V. Ellis, P. G. M., St. John, N. B.; Senator John Yeo, P. G. M., P. E. I.; R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, R. W. Bro. John Wilson, M. W. Bro. William Ross, P. G. M., Halifax; Col. Sam Hughes, Senator J. E. Robertson, P. E. Island, and many others. The occasion proved a most interesting conjunction of two so apparently diverse institutions as those of Masonry and the British Army, and the large attendance of the members and numerous visitors, many of them in military uniform, presented a scene at once delightful and impressive. After the ordinary business of the lodge was completed the candidate was initiated, the ceremony being performed by W. Bro. W. H. Sproule in an absolutely perfect manner, and the whole of the officiating brethren selected for the occasion seconded his efforts in a manner and style of which the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to express his entire approval. I was next called upon to present to W. Bro. C. S. Scott, the retiring Secretary of the lodge, with a magnificent cabinet of silver for long and efficient service, he having been Secretary for 30 years. Bro. Scott has earned the respect and esteem of his brethren. Another pleasing duty fell to my lot, and one that personally gave me great satisfaction, which was to present to the I. P. M., W. Bro. John C. Scott, a Past Master's jewel. I was able to bear witness to the admirable and dignified manner in which W. Bro. Scott has discharged his duty as a Master in the

Craft and to the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren. The greatest good feeling prevails in this lodge and all its affairs are in excellent shape. When the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a joyous time was experienced. The various speakers vied with each other in expressing the great usefulness of this institution in the outlying parts of this great Dominion in supplying a rallying point for all young Masons, many of them far from their homes, inculcating as it does those great principles and virtues which are alike necessary to form the character of the ideal Mason or the Christian soldier. I have had many opportunities of noticing the work of the W. Master of this lodge, W. Bro. J. R. Reid, and he is in many respects highly qualified as a scholar and a gentleman for his position, and I have no hesitation in saying that his term of office will be advantageous to the lodge.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148: On the 12th March, 1907, I paid my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by a number of brethren of the city lodges and numerous visiting brethren, and also by the Rev. Bro. A. W. Mackay, my District Chaplain. In consequence of the unfortunate illness of the W. M., W. Bro. A. T. Philips, the chair was occupied by the I. P. M., W. Bro. Walter Rowan, who is without question one of the most able officers I have ever had the pleasure of listening to. The third degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner, rendered more so by the fine musical accompaniment, and the whole of the ceremonial was conducted in a manner calling for my best commendation, and such as indeed I had a right to expect in a lodge possessing so many members of education and ability. A genial fourth degree was then engaged in and song and speech completed a really enjoyable evening.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128: Accompanied by R. W. Bro. John Wilson, Bro. John Huckel and Bro. George Rogers, I paid my official visit to this lodge on the 15th March, 1907. Having been duly received and honored in the usual way I informed the lodge that the M. W. the Grand Master was in waiting, and on his entering the lodge he was duly honored and assumed the chair. The third degree was then exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. O. G. Copeland, and his officers in a manner calling for the highest praise. The books of the Secretary, Bro. J.

P. Millar, Jr., are a model set, being beautifully kept, and the whole of the appointments of the lodge are exceptionally good. Of course in a lodge possessing the advantages of the wide experience, mature judgment and ripe knowledge of the M. W. the Grand Master (who is one of the members), it could not but be that my duties as inspecting officer were of somewhat superfluous character. We had a rare time with our brethren, and I shall never forget my visit to Pembroke lodge.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196: The official visit to this lodge was paid on the 8th April, 1907. I was accompanied by W. Bro. E. G. Shane, I. P. M., Prince of Wales Lodge; W. Bro. Duncan Brown, W. M., Fidelity Lodge, and Bro. John Huckel, of Chaudiere Lodge, all of Ottawa. No less than seven Past Masters were present, also we were honored by the presence of R. W. Bro. J. G. Cranston, P. D. D. G. M. of this district. The W. M., W. Bro. W. H. Steele, presided with great dignity and ability, and is evidently eminently fitted for his high position. The lodge room is provided with every accessory for the exercise of our ancient ceremonies. The second degree was exemplified in fine style, and also the opening and closing in the three degrees. In the person of Bro. John Mattson the lodge possesses a Secretary of great efficiency, and his important duties were performed in a manner rarely equalled. He is the right man in the right place. We met many interesting brethren and passed a very delightful evening.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147: Visited February 1st, 1907. My first visit to the town of Almonte was the occasion of my visit as D. G. D. M. No Ottawa brethren were able to accompany me, although many were invited. Fortunately, however, W. Bro. John C. Scott, I. P. M., of Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, happened to be in Almonte on business and was pleased to assist me in my duties. W. Bro. W. H. McCarthy, the W. M., proved to be the right man in the right place, possessing in a high degree those qualities of heart and mind which go to form an ideal Master in Masonry. His reception of myself as representative of the M. W. Grand Master was dignified and courteous, and our relations were of that cordial character which is so pleasing to a visiting officer. Among the visiting brethren I noticed W. Bro. J. C. Scott, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52; W. Bro. W. H. Steele, W. M. Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, and Rev. Bro. Mac-

kay, of the same lodge. Bro. Millar was raised to the third degree and the whole work, including the opening and closing, was done in a manner calling for my sincere approval, and I found all the affairs of the lodge in a most satisfactory condition. Refreshments were served by Bro. McDonell and a pleasant evening was spent in reminiscence and song. I shall long remember Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, and the kindly and courteous Secretary, Bro. N. Washburn, to whom I tender my hearty thanks.

The Builders' Lodge, No. 177: Official visit Friday, 8th March, 1907. On the occasion of my visit to this old and interesting lodge 55 members were present and also about the same number of visitors, amongst whom were M. W. Bro. J. V. Ellis, P. G. M., New Brunswick; M. W. Bro. John Yeo, P. G. M., Prince Edward Island. I was received in the usual courteous manner by W. Bro. F. G. Wait, the W. M. All the officers were present except the Senior Deacon and D. of C. All the proceedings were in the regular order and the business of the lodge is sedulously attended to by the Secretary, W. Bro. H. H. Cairns. The first degree was worked in a precise and careful manner, the W. M. being well supported by his officers. No banquet was held, it being proposed to devote the cost of same to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371: On the 31st May, 1907. I paid my official visit to my own lodge, Prince of Wales, No. 371, Ottawa. Being a charter member, and for many years an officer in the lodge, it is scarcely necessary to say it was a matter of pride and satisfaction to me to have the distinguished honor of representing the Grand Master among my own brethren. With my deputation I was received by the W. M., W. Bro. D. Morgan Jones, with the usual honors. The second degree was exemplified in a correct manner, and the officers, most of them comparatively young men, supported their Master well, and I have sincere pleasure in complimenting the brethren. At this point I wish to observe that I am strongly in favor of continuing the officers (and especially the W. M.) at least two years in the chair. This I think would result in more efficiency and precision. On this occasion it was my pleasing duty to present a Past Master's jewel to the I. P. M., W. Bro. Brownlee, a personal friend of my own, who during his year of office as W. M.

earned the genuine esteem of his brethren. The jewel is a beautiful work of art and was much admired by the brethren. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where an excellent repast was laid out, and song and music lengthened out one of the most enjoyable evenings I have ever known in the city of Ottawa. The whole of the business and accessories of this lodge are in as good order as can be, and everything is in accordance with the regulations of Grand Lodœe.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465: The regular meeting of this lodge falling on the 24th of May this year, my official visit was paid on that day. I was accompanied by W. Bro. J. A. Hocking, P. M. of Doric Lodge, No. 58, and Bro. John Huckel, of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264. Under the able direction of the W. M., W. Bro. G. H. Groves, this lodge is making fine progress. They are comfortably situated in a fine little hall and are adding to their conveniences a nice refreshment room on the same floor. The words of mine can adequately express my satisfaction at observing the fine spirit evinced by the brethren and the admirable manner in which the different officers supported their W. M., whose personality, perfection and fine address marks him out as an ideal Master in the Craft. The ceremony of the second degree, and also the opening and closing were performed in an almost perfect manner, and I was pleased to express my entire approval. We passed a very pleasant evening, although saddened by the remembrance of the recent death of V. W. Bro. G. N. Kidd, P. M. of the lodge, which was feelingly referred to. The lodge is to be congratulated on having an efficient Secretary in the person of Bro. T. E. Argue. It was my pleasing duty to present a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Robert Richardson, I. P. M., to whose zealous efforts and great skill the present efficiency of the lodge is largely due. It has seldom fallen to my lot to discharge a duty which afforded me so much satisfaction. W. Bro. John Argue, the first appointed Past Master of the lodge, was also honored in the same manner. He is evidently a favorite with the brethren.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209: On the 4th June, 1907, I paid my official visit to Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, accompanied by W. Bro. Duncan Brown. Owing to the disarrangement of my dates by a temporary sickness, I was obliged to give the brethren short notice of my visit.

Unfortunately the W. M., W. Bro. David McLaren, was unwell and unable to be present. His place was taken by W. Bro. Alex. Buffam, the efficient Secretary of the lodge. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with and the opening and closing was fairly well done. This lodge appears to be undergoing a period of depression, but a fine brotherly spirit animates the brethren and I am hopeful that the coming year will see an improvement in their prospects. We spent a pleasant evening together.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: My official visit to this lodge was paid on the 10th day of June, 1907, in company with W. Bro. Geo. Shane, P. M. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371. Owing to various causes some of the officers of the lodge were absent. I was, however, received by the W. M., W. Bro. J. C. Gourley, in the usual courteous manner and addressed the brethren on matters pertaining to our ceremonies. The opening and closing in the three degrees was efficiently exemplified, and owing to the small number of the brethren present and the absence of a candidate no degree work was done. The lodge is having a hard time, many of the members having left the vicinity, but a fine spirit animates the whole of the brethren and doubtless prosperity will again ensue. The lodge has a competent Secretary in the person of Bro. R. Bannerman, and I am well pleased to have been able to be of some assistance to the brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: I had arranged to visit this lodge on the 8th May, 1907, but owing to an unfortunate fit of sickness which compelled me to keep my bed for some days, I was unable to keep my engagement, much to my disappointment. I was unable to get another date for my visit owing to my numerous engagements and shall be compelled to content myself with an exofficio visit in September next. As will be seen from the returns this lodge is doing an excellent work and all its affairs are in a prosperous state. Possessing as it does so many efficient Past Masters and a faithful and painstaking Secretary, I can safely leave to my successor to report upon this lodge next year. I hope to make the acquaintance of the W. M., W. Bro. J. R. Hamilton, at an early date.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: On the 25th June, 1907, I paid my official visit to this lodge, accom-

panied by a number of the Ottawa brethren. I was received by the W. M., W. Bro. Henry Hutton, in a befitting manner. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner and the lodge is evidently prospering. The evening was very close and warm, yet a large number of brethren were on hand, evincing great interest in the proceedings. The Secretary, W. Bro. C. Saddington, takes great interest in his work and is an able assistant to the W. M., whom I was able to congratulate on the fine personnel of his lodge. All the business of the lodge is now in proper shape and its prospects are good, as will be seen by the returns. We spent a pleasant evening with the brethren of Goodwood.

In presenting my report I beg to thank heartily those brethren who frequently, at much inconvenience to themselves, have honored me with their presence on the occasions of my numerous visits. I have also to acknowledge the kindly advice and instructions of the M. W. the Grand Master and the courteous attention of the M. W. Grand Secretary. I have been fortunate in following several able predecessors, whose close attention to their duty has rendered my task comparatively light. As I have dealt fully with each lodge in my report it is unnecessary for me to add any further remarks except to say I shall relinquish the reins of office with much regret and some relief, and if I have met with some small degree of approval from the brethren of my district I shall feel amply repaid for any trouble I have experienced.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM NORTHWOOD, D. D. G. M..

Ottawa District No. 16.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Algoma District No. 17 during the past year. I desire to extend to the brethren of the district an expression of my sincere appreciation of the very great honor they conferred upon me in selecting me to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master. The office came to me unexpectedly, more particularly as I was not able to attend the communication of Grand Lodge at which my election was held. I have consequently found myself at some disadvantage in not having participated in the advice and instruction usually extended to the newly elected D. D. G. M's by the M. W. Grand Secretary on their installation.

I was installed into office on the 4th September, 1906, in Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, by my dear friend, R. W. Bro. J. W. Morgan, assisted by several P. D. D. G. M's and Past Masters of Shuniah and sister lodges. Bro. Morgan had been for some time in very poor health, and it was feared that he would be too weak and ill to perform the ceremony, but his indomitable will and courage carried him safely through.

During my term of office I have visited each lodge in my district once and regret that I was not able to visit them oftener. Although the number of lodges in the Algoma District is but eight, the distance between them is considerable, and I have travelled over a thousand miles in the performance of my duties. I am pleased to be able to report to you that the condition of Masonry in this district is, on the whole, very satisfactory, and that complete harmony prevails. In every lodge I found an increase in membership, generally in keeping with the growth of the town in which the lodge is situated, and from careful enquiry I am led to believe that the doors of

the lodges have been jealously guarded and only the best possible material allowed to pass inspection.

The aggregate amount paid by the lodges for relief is comparatively small, some lodges not having expended a dollar in relief. I take this, however, rather as an indication of the general prosperity of the district than backwardness of the Craftsmen in responding to appeals upon their charity. To those lodges who have not been called on to expend any sums in local relief I urged that this fact should be to them an especial incentive to contribute liberally to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which so far has not received the support it deserves. One or two lodges have done their duty in regard to this fund, but with the majority the matter has been overlooked or neglected. I found some diversity of opinion existing in some of the lodges in respect to this fund, many of the brethren expressing the opinion that Grand Lodge possessed ample funds for benevolent purposes. I endeavored to disabuse their minds of this idea and urged upon them a more careful perusal of the annual report of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, by which means they might become better informed of the large yearly increase in the demands on its benevolence, and that they should regard it as much a privilege as a duty to contribute as largely to the fund as their circumstances may warrant, always remembering that we are but stewards to use aright the opportunities given us, and that the greatest service we can render to the Great Architect and the most grateful return we can make for his bounty is to care for the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

Generally the work of the Secretaries has been accurately and intelligently performed, though in some lodges the Secretary has not been as careful as he should in sending notices of meetings to the D. D. G. M. Several of the older lodges are carrying large arrearages of dues, some lodges having from \$400 to over \$800 on their books. This is a blot that should be wiped out with all possible speed, as there is absolutely no excuse for such a condition of things, where all else is prosperous. In such cases I urged upon the brethren in the strongest possible terms that immediate steps should be taken to remedy this evil. Where a brother is able to pay he should be made to do so, or promptly suspended for N. P. D., rather than that a heavy amount of dues should be piled up against

him. The by-laws of most of the lodges provide that when a member is twelve months in arrears for dues that he shall be suspended, and it would be better if this rule were strictly and invariably followed, and the dues of those who are unable to pay, remitted, and the arrears wiped out.

The work throughout the district is remarkably uniform, only one or two lodges being in exception to the general rule, and this owing to their geographical situation and consequent lack of opportunity of intervisiting with other lodges.

The average attendance at lodge meetings has been fairly good, in one lodge it was as high as 50 per cent., while in two lodges it has been hardly satisfactory and the small attendance of Past Masters particularly noticeable.

I had hoped to be able to report an increase in the number of lodges in this district, the brethren residing in Dryden having petitioned the M. W. the Grand Master for a dispensation to open a new lodge at that place. The dispensation has been withheld for the present, but as the brethren appear to be very enthusiastic about the matter I have every hope that there will be a good lodge started there in the near future.

A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, has recently commenced the erection of a Masonic Temple, a handsome brick and stone structure of three stories. Early in May the members of this lodge petitioned the M. W. the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of their building with Masonic rites, but he being prevented from attending in person sanctioned the calling of an especial communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the stone and authorized me to act in his place. The special communication was accordingly held on the 20th June, and the stone truly laid in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the past year but five deaths in our ranks have been reported to me. Granite lodge lost one member and Shuniah lodge five.

VISITS.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances: My first official visit to this lodge was on 12th June. There was a

fair attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened and closed in each of the degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. G. A. Stethem, who also conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner. There is room for some improvement in the work of the junior officers, and I would suggest that a greater number of meetings be held, in order that sufficient time may be devoted to perfecting the work and for the discussion of Masonic matters, other than the regular business of the lodge. Granite lodge is fortunate in having a careful and painstaking Secretary in Bro. F. M. Gibson, whose books are well and neatly kept. The amount of dues in arrears is small, and the financial standing and prospects of the lodge are very good. The S. C. Benevolent Fund has not been neglected, and I am hoping that when the final remittance is made it will be found that the amount is at least equal to \$3 per capita of the average membership for the past three years. It was my good fortune to be the first W. M. of this lodge, and on the occasion of my official visit W. Bro. Stethem addressed me in very complimentary terms (far more flattering than I deserved), and on behalf of my brethren presented me with a handsome present in the shape of a purse of gold, which made me feel ashamed that I had not done more for Masonry in Fort Frances than I have. Of the future of Granite Lodge I have no misgivings.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin: I visited this lodge on Monday, June 17th. Owing to the scarcity of hotel accommodation I made my stay at Kenora while visiting the several lodges at this end of the district. On the occasion of my visit to Keewatin the brethren of Kenora, headed by W. Bro. Belyea, kindly provided a gasoline launch and accompanied me on my visit to the sister town. Keewatin lodge has a small but very cosy lodge room, which on this occasion was comfortably filled, there being quite a number of visiting brethren from the adjacent lodges. The F. C. degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. L. D. McCall and his officers in a very creditable manner, and I found little or no occasion for any criticism; indeed, it was perfectly apparent to me that W. Bro. McCall has his whole heart and soul in the work. The books of the lodge appear to be carefully and correctly kept by the Secretary, Bro. A. J. Holmes. The financial standing of the lodge is quite satisfactory, but I was sorry to find that a large number

of the brethren are in arrears for dues, the aggregate amount in arrears being about \$500. I pointed out to the brethren the folly of allowing this condition of things to continue, and urged them to take immediate steps to collect as much of this amount as possible and to write the balance off the books. Several members of the lodge have ceased to reside in the town and do not respond to the Secretary's appeals for payment of dues. The remedy is obvious. The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund has not received the consideration of the brethren that it should, and as the lodge has expended nothing at all for relief during the past year I urged that a special effort be made to collect a substantial subscription to this fund.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora: I visited my mother lodge at an emergent meeting on the 18th June. There was a fair attendance, including a number of visiting brethren from Keewatin and Lake of the Woods lodges. The W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Skinner, has ceased to reside at Kenora, having moved west to Calgary some months ago. His chair was occupied by W. Bro. Belyea, by whom the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. W. Bro. Brenchly conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable and impressive manner. The work of the senior and junior officers was smartly and correctly performed. It is many years since I enjoyed an opportunity of visiting my mother lodge, and it afforded me the keenest pleasure to meet with so many familiar faces and to receive such a hearty welcome as I did on this occasion. Bro. S. C. Sharman is a very careful and pains-taking Secretary; his notices are regularly sent to me; his books appear to be carefully and correctly kept. The membership of this lodge is steadily increasing, and I have every reason to think that proper care is being exercised in the selection of candidates. Pequonga is fortunate in possessing a goodly number of Past Masters, whose ripe experience and good judgment may be relied upon in every emergency. The lodge has now 130 members, an increase of 19 on the last report. I am hopeful that the few remarks I addressed to the brethren on the subject of the S. C. Benevolent Fund will not have been made in vain.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora: Visited on Wednesday, 19th June. There was a very fair at-

tendance of brethren, including a number of P. D. D. G. M's. Dr. W. J. Chapman is the W. M. of this lodge. His work is correct and impressive. The work of his officers was done with precision and impressiveness; indeed, it was quite a pleasure to me to witness the work of the degree done with so much smoothness. The financial standing and prospects of this lodge are excellent, and the way in which the books are kept is certainly a credit to the Secretary, Bro. G. M. James. It afforded me the greatest pleasure to meet again the Treasurer of this lodge, Bro. R. J. N. Pitcher, who is still an active member in spite of his eighty and odd summers. There has been a healthy growth in this lodge during the past year and the outlook is promising. My visit to this lodge was somewhat hurried, owing to my having to leave town on the 11 o'clock train for Fort William.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: This lodge has commenced the erection of a Masonic Temple, which it is estimated will cost \$30,000. The building will be 50 feet by 80 feet, of solid brick and stone, three stories in height. An especial communication of Grand Lodge was held in the rooms of Royal Lodge at 3 o'clock on the 20th June, for the purpose of laying the corner stone. The M. W. the Grand Master was not able to attend and deputed me to act in his stead. Prior to the ceremony the energetic Master of Fort William Lodge, W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe, on behalf of his lodge, presented me with a handsome silver trowel for use in the ceremony and to be retained by me as a memento of this auspicious occasion. I was fortunate in having the assistance of a large number of distinguished and experienced brethren, including R. W. Bro. Col. S. W. Ray, R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie, R. W. Bro. Allan McDougall, V. W. Bro. J. T. Hollingshead, and a host of others too numerous to mention by name. To the building committee, under the able chairmanship of W. Bro. Fred. Symes, great credit is due for the admirable arrangements for the ceremony. R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie was Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and it is needless to say that under his guidance all the details of the ceremony were performed with almost military precision. In the evening I visited Fort William Lodge, Royal Lodge having very kindly loaned their lodge room for the occasion. There was a very large turnout, quite a large number of visiting brethren .

from the other lodges being present. I was greatly impressed with the excellent work of W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe and his officers; there was absolutely no room for criticism. This lodge is indeed flourishing; it has now a membership of 145, being an increase of 20 during the past year. The lodge is fortunate in possessing a number of zealous and active Past Masters, to whose untiring efforts must be attributed the successful completion of the plans for the erection of their new Masonic Temple. The books of the lodge show a considerable amount of dues in arrears, a condition entirely unwarranted in such a prosperous city as Fort William, and I strongly urged on the brethren the importance of making a strong effort to erase this stain from the good name of the lodge and of more liberal contributions to the S. C. Benevolent Fund. After the lodge had been closed in the several degrees we adjourned to their banqueting room, where the fourth degree was worked very successfully.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William, was visited on the following evening, Friday, June 21st. There was a good attendance, quite a number of visiting brethren being present. W. Bro. Dr. Deane and his officers exemplified the work in a very creditable manner; a little nervousness was at times apparent, but this simply arose from over-anxiety to do the work well. Although a comparatively young lodge, Royal has now a membership of 84, being an increase of 11 for the past year. The brethren have a very comfortable lodge room, of which they may be justly proud. V. W. Bro. Fred. C. Perry is the energetic Secretary of Royal Lodge. I cannot speak too highly of his kindness and courtesy to me during my stay in Fort William. His books are a pattern of neatness. The financial standing of this lodge is good and its prospects excellent. The arrearages of dues is small, and I trust that the experience of older lodges will not be lost upon the brethren, and that they will not permit the modest sum now outstanding on the books to be materially increased. This lodge has not, so far, contributed as largely as it should to the S. C. Benevolent Fund, but I hope that when the final returns are sent in it will be found that the brethren of Royal Lodge have not neglected their duty in this respect.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: I visited this lodge on the festival of St. John, June 24th. This is the

senior Lodge of the district and has a strong membership. Their array of Past Masters and P. D. D. G. M's is quite imposing, and their work is in keeping with their traditions. A true Masonic spirit is abroad amongst the brethren; unity and concord appear to be their watchwords. My reception by this fine old lodge is always of the most cordial nature, and my visit on this occasion was a pleasant one, but unfortunately I was compelled to leave the lodge much earlier than I would have wished. My private affairs demanded my return home at the earliest possible moment. I therefore craved the indulgence of the brethren to enable me to return home on that night's train. This lodge is steadily increasing in membership, which is now 186, an increase for the year of 17. During the past year death has claimed four members of this lodge, Bros. Geo. D. Neely, Coleb H. Shera, Thos. J. Roberts and Wm. Fixter.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River: I visited this lodge on Thursday, 27th June. There was a fair attendance. This lodge has a membership of 69, being an increase of 10 for the year. The financial standing is very good and the prospects equally so. The arrears of dues are rather heavier than they should be, but the Secretary assured me that there would be no difficulty in collecting the bulk of the amount. This lodge has done well by the S. C. Benevolent Fund, and I am assured that the full amount expected from the lodge will be paid in within a few days. W. Bro. D. K. McGregor is the Master of the lodge, and with the assistance of his Wardens, Bros. A. W. Walsh and John Redpath, conferred the F. C. degree upon Bro. Emmet Fairbanks in a careful and impressive manner. The candidate had been carefully prepared and answered the usual questions accurately. Bro. W. E. Cameron is a model Secretary and has his records in excellent order.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren throughout the district for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my term of office, and particularly on the occasion of my visits to the lodges. I shall always cherish in my heart the memory of this, to me, eventful year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

CHAS. J. HOLLANDS, D. D. G. M.,
Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem- bership.	Degree's Confrd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.	
287	Shuniah ...	Port Arthur ...	186	17	...	19	12	9	5	...	3	...	4	14	...	...	...	\$62 00	...	\$550 00	Dec. 27, '06	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	\$3000 00
414	Pequonga ...	Kenora	130	19	...	16	14	11	4	1	3	...	13	9	22	...	...	57 50	35	435 67	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	600 00
415	Ft. William	Fort William.	145	20	...	16	14	11	4	1	3	...	13	7	20	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	Yes	500 00	
417	Kewatin ...	Kewatin ...	61	2	...	2	2	2	2	...	1	...	13	1	14	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	Yes	500 00	
445	L'ke Woods	Kenora ...	41	10	...	8	6	6	2	...	...	...	11	3	14	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	Yes	500 00	
446	Granite ...	Fort Frances...	64	10	...	6	5	4	7	...	...	...	11	5	16	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	Yes	400 00	
453	Royal ...	Fort William.	84	11	...	9	7	7	2	...	...	...	13	6	19	31	...	30 00	5	35 00	Dec. 27, '06	Excell'nt	V'y Good	Yes	600 00
461	Ionic	Rainy River ...	69	10	...	8	7	5	2	...	...	...	14	4	18	17	...	...	...	100 00	Dec. 27, '06	Excell'nt	Good	Yes	1150 00

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my report for the past year. A appointed Bro. W. A. Quibell, Chaplain of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, P. M. of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, District Secretary. The services rendered were most acceptable and much appreciated. I issued a circular letter to the lodges, a copy of which is appended, concerning matters requiring attention.

All lodges have been visited once and due enquiry made into the details of the Craft working. The conditions are indeed satisfactory, and while not expecting to find my ideal of a Masonic lodge realized, it was very gratifying to learn that nearly all had attained a fair measure of success, while others had about reached the summit in regard to the distinguishing characteristics. The numerical increase has been exceptionally large, and the assurances given as to the care exercised in receiving petitions leads me to the conclusion that we are building surely, if rapidly, among the young men of this greater Ontario. The uniform cordiality experienced, even among those whom I had not previously known, the expressions of appreciation of courtesies tendered to the visitors when called upon at the usual repast, and the individual testimony of the latter under other circumstances, tend to show that kindness and brotherly love prevails throughout this great district.

On the whole the usages and customs are uniform, and I found few points to which I deemed it necessary to direct attention. The work, with few exceptions, was well done, and while in three lodges I did not witness any, either the W. M. was a P. M. of ability, or the finish of the opening and closing indicated there would not be much room for criticism. The financial standing and

prospects are only marred by the seemingly ever-present arrearages of dues. In three cases this is a serious question, and I would ask my successor to scrutinize the table appended when he will find scope for his best efforts. In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Secretary I particularly asked the Secretaries not to include as arrearages any dues which accrued since June 24, 1906, and while this injunction was repeated I fear from the showing there have been some errors made in compilation.

I desire to call your attention to the great lack of uniformity in the manner of keeping the lodge records. Some of the ruled books, secured from different sources by different lodges, are not of a kind to secure the best results, being too cumbersome, and I am convinced that much improvement is possible here as well as in the forms necessary. It appears to me that Grand Lodge should investigate the matter of the establishment of a modern printing and book-binding plant, from which the lodges could secure all supplies at sufficient advance over cost to make it a source of revenue, besides having everything in proper form as determined by Grand Lodge from time to time. The demands of the four hundred constituent lodges, aside from Grand Lodge, for such supplies must reach large proportions, while the present outlay, judging by the prices paid in some cases, must reach an enormous total yearly. The secretarial and business side has always interested me, and I am led to suggest that much benefit would result if the requirements of the Grand Secretary's office were arranged in concise book form and supplied to the lodges. Permanent Secretaries are certainly desirable, and would be of great assistance in having the demands complied with accurately and promptly, but such is difficult of attainment, and if this provision were effected much confusion and needless correspondence would be avoided. There is also a lack of acquaintance with the decisions of the Grand Masters affecting various points of procedure and interpretation. In the past fifty years these have touched upon a variety of subjects of much interest to the present-day Mason, and while they are invaluable to those whose lodges have observed the injunction to preserve the Proceedings of Grand Lodge only a very few in the jurisdiction can obtain access to such a fund of information. Notwithstanding the new Constitution there appears to me a need

of having these collaborated and distributed to the lodges. Provision could be made for space for the yearly pronouncement, which could be printed separately and sent to the lodges. I have recommended the necessity of attention to the following: Preservation of lodge records out of actual use, by storage in a vault, in sealed packages, of data for historical write-up in the future; securing photographs of P. M's and of buildings in which lodges have met; providing the lodge completely with symbols, ashlar, M. C. pillars, tassels, etc., some of which I found were not in evidence; the necessity of securing dispensations before issuing the summons for divine service, also invitations to at-homes, etc., is not yet understood in some lodges, while others apply to the Grand Secretary direct, without recognizing the D. D. G. M., who, when the summons reaches him is in doubt as to compliance with the formality. I indicated that all such requests should pass through the hands of the D. D. G. M. that he may know what is transpiring, and that the necessary authority has been provided for.

The dispensations granted, also by-laws or amendments submitted, will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

The grim reaper has been among the brethren and has demanded a heavy toll. The following have been reported to me as having answered the last summons here:

Keystone Lodge, No. 412—V. W. Bro. Fred. Rogers, D. C. L., P. G. S., died September 10th; Bro. G. W. Stadly, M. M., August 18th; Bro. H. R. Sanders, M. M., October 7th.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420—Bro. S. M. Smith, February 18th; Bro. James Dick, Chaplain, May 4th.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427—Bro. J. H. Fields, October 16.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462—Bro. Thomas McKee, April 22nd.

Algoma Lodge, No. 469—Bro. G. W. Stadly, August 18th; Bro. Nelson Simpson, September 6th.

VISITS.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405: Visited this, the senior lodge, March 12th. V. W. Bro. Dr. Haentschel presided in the absence of the W. M. Emergent. Attendance small, though composed of every brother then in town except one, who was ill. S. C. B. Fund fully paid up. Dues paid in full to June 24th, 1906. No work.

Opening and closing well done. Appointments and furniture complete. Handsome lodge room and well furnished. Consider it the best in the district. Usages and customs closely observed. Highly gratified at the genuine Masonic spirit shown by the members under conditions which would be discouraging except to those well skilled in the art. The changes in recent years have worked to the disadvantage of the town and Masonry has suffered by the exodus. The results of the splendid work done in the past, and which is being continued under the guidance of V. W. Bro. Haentschel, are apparent in the love of the brethren for their lodge, evidenced by letters from those scattered over the continent. Two members came home from a distance for this event. Sociability a marked feature. Enjoyed every moment with these splendid brethren.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie: Visited December 4th. W. Bro. H. P. Broughton, W. M. Regular. Election of officers. Usual unanimity. Attendance large. Usages and customs closely observed. Joint installation of the officers of this lodge and of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, held December 27th, which was placed under my direction by W. Bro. Broughton and V. W. Bro. Nichols, the honor of which was much appreciated. This event was most enjoyable. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Hearst, Farwell, Browne, and Past Masters of both lodges. Visited May 14th. W. Bro. T. E. Simpson, W. M. Emergent. Work, first degree; rendition and floor work excellent. This is the largest lodge in the district and is doing splendid work, particularly in the very important matter of proper instruction of the brethren as they progress. Addresses on interesting topics are given at regular communications by different P. M's and ceremonial almost entirely confined to emergent communications. Great interest has been the result. The examinations before and after advancement are insisted upon and are not confined to the regular order. W. Bro. Simpson is striking out upon many new lines in order to increase the interest, and is succeeding splendidly in his efforts to attain a higher place for his lodge. Visited June 25th. Past Masters night. Third degree conferred in a very impressive manner by the old guard. R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne presided, with W. Bro. C. A. Leaney as S. W. and V. W. Bro. W. B. Race as J. W.

The work of the Deacons, W. Bros. Thompson and Broughton, was well done. The marked success of this lodge may be attributed to the loyalty and devotion of its Past Masters. During the year the ranks have been reduced by the removal of three who have been most prominent for years past, and the loss will be difficult to overcome—W. Bros. R. Roberts, C. V. Campbell and D. W. Green.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay: Visited March 11th. W. Bro. H. Aitchison, W. M. Regular. Attendance fairly large. Work, third degree; impressive in parts; showed lack of finish. Opening and closing also showed necessity of practice and study. Appointments inadequate, and more care might be bestowed upon the appearances. Sociability pronouncedly marked and a good feeling appeared to animate the brethren. I am advised that arrangements have been effected whereby this lodge will occupy large and splendid quarters in the near future; this will create renewed interest and assist materially in placing this lodge in a position becoming its importance. I am convinced that the new blood which is being infused will rapidly give evidence of a splendid growth. It was most encouraging to note the enthusiasm of the young men, some of whom will 'ere long have the responsibility of upholding the dignity and honor of the Craft in this thriving town.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: Visited March 15. W. Bro. Joseph Fowler, W. M. Emergent. Attendance good. S. C. B. Fund fully paid up. Dues well paid up; arrearages almost nil. Work, first degree; well conferred, beyond criticism. Appointments and furniture good. Usages and customs closely followed. Sociability pronounced and of a high order. The spirit of this lodge is excellent and the true Masonic feeling animates the brethren, who gave every evidence of deep interest in all parts of the working. They are indeed fortunate in having as Secretary, Bro. G. A. Montgomery, who is eminently capable for the position and is bestowing much care in all pertaining to this important office. Here also the Past Masters are in evidence, and with such splendid Masons as R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur, V. W. Bros. Reid and Dorsett, and W. Bros. Evans and Montgomery, the highest traditions will be upheld. B. Bro. Fowler proved himself an ideal W. M., and I regretted the parting after an enjoyable and interesting evening.

Dymont Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon: Visited June 20. W. Bro. T. E. Williams, W. M. Regular. Accompanied by W. Bro. Simpson, W. M. of Keystone Lodge, No. 412. Attendance small. Work, first degree; rendition fairly done, impressive, but accuracy should be studied; floor work and usages and customs showed lack of practice and supervision by skilled workers. Appointments adequate. Sociability well carried out. This lodge requires greater assistance from the Past Masters and a course of instruction in the Constitution and our usages and customs. There are evidences that this bright town will enter upon a period of prosperity, as extensive operations are nearing completion which will place its future beyond question. The Craft will be benefited correspondingly. The proposal to organize a lodge at Blind River caused some apprehension and an adverse sentiment on account of there being a large number of members residing in the latter town, but all opposition was withdrawn, and at the supper on this occasion, at which several Blind River brethren were present, an exchange of views showed that the proper spirit prevailed.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447: Visited March 14th. W. Bro. Theo. H. Connor, W. M. Emergent. Accompanied by W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, District Secretary. Attendance good. Interest marked. No work. Opening and closing well done. Appointments good. Furniture bright and appearance attractive. Usages and customs observed. Sociability practised in an attractive manner. Owing to delay by train my arrival was much later than anticipated, and the evening's proceedings were interfered with. After closing an enjoyable hour was spent around the tables, when the claims of the S. C. B. Fund were placed before the brethren and much sympathy expressed towards the project. The time was all too short to enable me to become acquainted with the good brethren of this lodge, but I am assured that the traditions of the Craft will be upheld by them.

Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current: W. Bro. Jos. Ellenton, W. M. Emergent. Attendance small. S. C. B. Fund well supported. No work. Opening and closing fairly done. Appointments and furniture excellently arranged and very attractive. This lodge only requires attention by the Past Masters, as it possesses every essential for success, and while it is financially sound there

is lacking from some cause that enthusiasm which compels success. Dues well paid up, although the arrears are too high for the members involved. I was pleased to find they were possessed of a capable Secretary in W. Bro. G. R. Powell. At their recent election a most enthusiastic Craftsman, W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, P. M., was elected W. M., with W. Bro. B. W. Turner as J. W. I am assured this means a revival of interest and that the lodge will enter upon a period of activity under the guidance of the W. brethren named.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard: Visited March 13th. W. Bro. F. W. Haynes, W. M. Emergent. Accompanied by W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, District Secretary, and W. Bro. G. W. Lee, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420. Attendance good. Work, second degree; well conferred; floor work exact. Everything about this lodge showed the results of the enthusiastic interest of young men, while those who were no longer young had become infected with the same spirit. Appointments good, but insufficient for a growing lodge. Building inadequate. I have since been asked to complete arrangements for the dedication of the new addition which has been erected since above date, showing the rapidity with which these men of action rise to their needs. The dedication is arranged for July 4th, and I regret my inability to be with them, owing to distance. The usages and customs are well observed. Sociability most pronounced. I was particularly impressed with the thoroughness with which the W. M. and officers, and indeed all the members of this lodge, treated every matter brought before them. The banquet at the Grand Union was a revelation, being the most elaborate met with on my tour of the eastern lodges, and the presentation of the claims of the S. C. B. Fund aroused much interest. I was assured that every dollar expected would be sent to the Grand Secretary before Grand Lodge met, and there were individual assurances of contributions, if needful, to complete the project.

Algoma lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie: Visited December 12th. V. W. Bro. Nichols, W. M. Regular. Election of officers. Proceedings unanimous. The joint installation of W. Bro. T. D. Ross and his officers, with the officers of Keystone Lodge on December 27th was an event of much interest to the brethren. Visited May 29th. W. Bro. Ross, W. M. Emergent. Attend-

ance light. Dues fully paid up. Work in the third degree, which was well done. This lodge is being well looked after, and has attained a position which is satisfactory in point of numbers. Its membership is of good material, and I look for an improvement in the means whereby interest may be created and maintained. I was much pleased at the floor work of the Deacons. Bros. Sweetser and McCallum., which was most creditable.

Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472: Visited September 4th. W. Bro. Dr. Jos. Johnson, P. M., W. M. This was the occasion of the constitution and consecration of this lodge. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne, P. G. J. W., and Bro. W. A. Quibell, District Chaplain, whose kindness and valuable assistance made it possible for me to perform the ceremony. Although I had notified the Masters and Past Masters of lodges nearest to this place, as well as several members of Grand Lodge, it was impossible, from various causes, for any of them to attend. R. W. Bro. Browne proved invaluable in every way in making the ceremony as complete as it could be with the assistance available, while Bro. Quibell, with his knowledge of the duties of the Grand Chaplain, rendered his part of the work in a most impressive manner. The W. M. is a most capable and exemplary brother, who is laboring under many disadvantages in building up this lodge, and there need be no doubt as to the success of his efforts when assisted by such workers as Bro. Platt, who is a model Secretary, W. Bro. Fraser and Rev. Bro. Byrnes. On January 25th the lodge and contents were destroyed by fire. The insurance enabled them to resume as soon as quarters could be secured, and latest reports indicate that they are meeting regularly. Dues well paid up. I look for a successful lodge here.

NEW LODGES PROPOSED.

When I assumed office I was confronted with the petition of a large number of brethren residing in Blind River asking for a dispensation for a lodge there. I investigated the matter thoroughly and after much delay received the documents requisite before presentation to the M. W. the Grand Master. Reference of the papers to the Grand Secretary elicited the further requirement of certificates of standing of brethren from foreign jurisdictions. These were asked for at once, but delays in

securing same have prevented further action on my part. From information gleaned through correspondence and personal interviews with the promoters, I am disposed to sympathize with the brethren in the delays which have occurred in the past, but the matter would have gone before the M. W. the Grand Master months ago if the necessary formalities had been complied with. I am convinced that if this petition be granted no mistake will be made, as the lodge will be in competent hands.

In March I received a largely signed petition from the brethren of Cobalt asking that a dispensation be granted for a lodge. I was there on March 14th, and went into the matter thoroughly. Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, gave a hearty, wholesouled recommendation for the new lodge. I requested that certificates of standing of brethren from the jurisdictions of Quebec and Nova Scotia be secured, but so far have not received the same. The position as regards this proposal is somewhat complicated owing to the close proximity of the three towns, Cobalt and New Liskeard 10 miles apart, with the promising town of Haileybury almost midway between them. After due consideration of the conditions I cannot find any good reason why these three towns should not be granted the boon of Masonic privileges, as the brethren are anxious and willing to assume all responsibilities to attain that end. I have no fear of being regarded as over-sanguine in saying that the question of permanency or financial ability of either or all of the points is beyond question.

The brethren of Massey, 58 miles west of Sudbury, 75 miles east of Thessalon, and 25 miles from Little Current (across the North Channel), the nearest existing lodges, and 44 miles east of Blind River (where new lodge is proposed), have prepared a petition for a dispensation, but it is held until certificates of standing, as before explained, are secured. This town is favorably situated, with considerable activity in lumbering and mining operations, but has the added advantage of a large farming community adjacent.

These petitions will doubtless be dealt with by my successor, and I am certain that the claims of promising towns, where the welfare of the Craft will be in safe hands, will receive every consideration at the hands of the M. W. the Grand Master and of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I desire to express my deep appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by the brethren in electing me to this position. I have endeavored to perform the duties proficiently and impartially, and while the performance has fallen far below what I had intended, I know that those who follow me will appreciate the difficulties surrounding the office in a district over 300 miles in length and necessitating over 1,200 miles by train and boat to visit all lodges. I feel amply compensated, however, for the efforts bestowed in a labor of love for the institution, by the brotherly consideration shown to me on all sides. Time cannot efface the recollection of the inspiring intercourse had with my brethren, and the memory of all their kindness shall ever remain with me. My hope is that the coming years may have in store for me many opportunities of assisting them in so laying the lines that "the genuine tenets of our time-honored institution may be transmitted" to our children's children pure and unsullied, and that it may go on to still greater things "until time shall be no more.

CIRCULAR NO. 1.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Sept. 1, 1906.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Brethren of
Lodge, No.

Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to address you as the District Deputy Grand Master of Nipissing District, No. 18, and to extend to you one and all heartiest fraternal greetings, with best wishes for a most successful and happy year.

It is my intention to visit each lodge in the district during my term of office, but as some time must elapse before this will be seasonable or advisable, I beg to transmit herein a few thoughts which I trust may be acted upon by you, to the end that our beloved Order may be strengthened by unity of action and that this district may attain a standing second to none in the province.

1. The one object above all which appeals to me most and which should receive first attention is the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

This most deserving object is one which it must indeed be difficult to pass over if disposed to disregard its claims from any reason whatever.

From the strictly business side this must at once be apparent to the business man who scans the report of the Sub-Committee on Benevolence, wherein it is shown that during the year just ended the claims of the sick and needy have caused an impairment of capital account, that Grand Lodge is carrying on this work (not hers originally, but by reason of circumstances well known to many) which properly belongs to the lodges, that the demands upon the resources, if not augmented by such a fund, must be met by the lodges, and while in these northern districts, where our membership is principally composed of young men, we have been almost free from the cry of the distressed, yet the time will most assuredly come when we will be compelled to act along the lines of perhaps almost forgotten promises. It is gratifying to find that many of the brethren have "embraced the opportunity" of responding to the appeal for funds, and that from the new lodges there has been much for the older lodges to emulate.

I trust that each brother will interest himself if possible more than ever before in this project, that the name of this Grand Lodge be not set forth to the Masonic world as the one which failed in her duty to the afflicted within her borders. It may be yours or mine next, for aught we know, therefore let us not neglect this pressing need for the benefit of those whose burden we should bear. The lodges having committed Grand Lodge to this scheme are responsible for seeing that their liability is covered by cash collections aggregating at least three dollars per member, and the transmission of the same to the M. W. Grand Secretary before May 31, 1907.

I shall be glad to hear from each lodge on the enclosed blank, as to the standing of each at June 24th, 1906, together with any information which bears on the subject. It is quite evident from the reports of workers that a personal canvass of the membership available, and personal written letters to absentees, is the most satisfactory means of attaining our object.

2. The non-affiliated brethren in our midst is another matter of great importance to which I would ask your earnest attention. In several instances in my own experience I have found that a little interest in these, when desirable, has brought about very satisfactory results.

3. The matter of increasing the membership is one

about which much has been said and written, but I am disposed to consider this as far from being the pressing need of our time. The annual reports show a considerable increase in our numbers, but is there the attention given to properly instructing those already with us, nominally, in all the beautiful lessons taught by the symbolism of Freemasonry?

I fear that the answer to the question must be in the negative. Those who are intrusted with the work on boards of trial will support this contention, as a general finding, and if the membership is not well instructed in that matter, how unlikely are they to know that which means so very much more?

There are enthusiastic, well posted and competent brethren in every lodge who, if encouraged, would gladly present addresses or give talks on the different subjects in a most entertaining manner, which would certainly create an interest of a permanent character not otherwise obtainable.

I would suggest, nay urge strongly, that the Worshipful Masters take up this matter energetically in preparation for the winter communications.

Along this line I cannot too strongly recommend the advantages of the Masonic periodicals, of which there are several excellent ones published in Toronto and elsewhere. These contain well written articles on Craft topics which every member should be in touch with, and without which he cannot well make that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge enjoined upon us. In addition to such matter these publications contain interesting items of news of the Masonic world, which enables the reader to see what his brethren are doing at home and abroad for the up-building of the Royal Art. Members will find these of service for reference purposes, beyond their value as above, while lodges at a very small outlay could have them in ante-room or lodge in neat binders for the use of all, and for preservation with their records for future generations.

4. I cannot too strongly impress upon you the great necessity of closely guarding the portals. Do not permit any laxity to creep in, whereby the quality is made to give place to quantity.

5. I am especially enjoined to again call your attention to the circular letters issued by the Grand Master, Most

Worshipful Bro. Burritt, last year, and to indicate that strict observance will be expected. The subjects referred to were as follows:

Grouping of candidates.

Illegal regalia.

Illegality of conferring degrees in any but proper lodge rooms, with the Warrant present.

Grand Honors.

6. The attention of the Worshipful Masters is called to the duties of the examining boards as set forth in clauses Nos. 147 and 149, and they are particularly enjoined to see that the provisions are strictly observed, that no person may be presented for the Master's Chair who is unable to confer the whole work before being installed.

7. It may be that some lodges have on hand copies of old issues of the Book of Constitution. These should not be issued to members, but the new edition of 1905 given them for their guidance. It would be well to preserve a copy of the old issues for record purposes only, and destroy the balance.

8. In calculating the arrearages of dues for the half-yearly reports, it is desired that the dues for the current Masonic year be not included in such total.

9. In those lodges where the reading of the following has not become a feature, I would urge that the same be commenced, and that in each lodge they be read at once yearly. I refer to the Ancient Charges, Lodge By-laws, the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, with special reference to the address of the Grand Master, Report of D. D. G. M., reports of the Sub-Committees on Condition of Masonry, Benevolence and Fraternal Dead.

10. I find that some lodges are not observing clause No. 164, as I have not yet received summonses of their communications. Kindly have this omission supplied, and where such have been missed be good enough to send those in arrears. This is applicable to clause No. 243, requiring that notice shall be sent me where lodges attend funerals or other public functions.

11. In some summonses received I find the constitutional requirements lacking, the age, occupation or place of residence having been omitted.

12. Where functions are in contemplation please note that application for the dispensation must be made and the same received before arrangements can be proceeded with.

13. In the matter of the form of the petition for initiation. If any lodge has not noted the requirements of the form as set forth in Section No. 188, where the time of residence is specified, it will be necessary that new forms be put in use without delay.

14. I have appointed W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, a Past Master of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, as District Secretary, and Bro. W. A. Quibell, Chaplain of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie, as District Chaplain.

Communications addressed to W. Bro. Campbell, Box No. 551, will receive prompt attention.

With hearty good wishes and kind regards, believe me, yours sincerely and fraternally,

J. B. WAY, D. D. G. M.,

Nipissing District No. 18.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit this supplemental report on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which shows in detail in the appended statement the standing of each lodge in this district. Based upon the membership, as reported to Grand Lodge in 1904, the amount due from this district is \$2,442.00, of which \$1,751.50 has been remitted, but this amount includes \$25.00 overpaid by two lodges, viz.: Nickel, No. 427, of Sudbury, and Temiskaming, No. 462, \$8.00 and \$17.00 respectively. Of this amount paid \$569.00 has been remitted this year, leaving a net balance due of \$690.00. It is possible that this may be changed for the better on account of two lodges not having given me the statement requested. In three lodges, with a balance showing as due, the contention is made that some members have remitted to other lodges of which they are members, thus leaving a deficit, but in my opinion the dual membership brings dual responsibilities, and they should view this most deserving project with compassion and liberality. I sincerely regret that I am unable to show a clear sheet at this time, and it is not due in any

manner to lack of energetic action on my part, for the claims of the scheme have been advocated on all occasions. I trust that the brethren may be enabled to wipe out the comparatively small balances due from the lodges in arrears and establish the claims asserted at some time in the career of each one that he would do such as this.

STATEMENT OF STANDING OF LODGES IN 18TH DISTRICT,
SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND,

For year ending July 1st, 1907.

No.	NAME.	Members on Roll, 1904.	Amount due @ \$3 per capita.	Amount paid up to 1906.	Paid in 1907.	Total paid.	Overpaid.	Balance due.
405	Mattawa	90	\$270 00	\$254 00	\$.....	\$254 00	\$.....	\$ 16 00
412	Keystone	196	588 00	179 00	30 00	479 00	.....	109 00
420	Nippissing	110	330 00	151 50	.....	151 50	.....	178 50
427	Nickel.....	126	378 00	340 00	46 00	386 00	8 00	.....
442	Dymont.....	74	222 00	20 00	64 00	84 00	.....	138 00
447	Sturgeon Falls.	51	153 00	17 00	.....	17 00	.....	136 00
455	Doric	65	195 00	135 00	12 00	147 00	.....	48 00
462	Temiskaming...	23	69 00	4 00	82 00	86 00	17 00	.....
469	Algoma.....	64	192 00	49 00	65 00	114 00	.....	78 00
472	Gore Bay.....	15	45 00	33 00	.....	33 00	.....	12 00
		814	\$2442 00	\$1182 50	\$569 00	\$1751 50	\$25 00	\$715 50

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. WAY, D. D. G. M.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.			Degree's conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
405	Mattawa ...	Mattawa	86	...	...	3	4	5	1	...	2	...	...	1	11	12	8	\$43 86	...	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 600 00
412	Keystone...	S. S. Marie	248	11	...	16	15	14	5	...	7	...	...	3	13	37	25	295 00	32	\$ 85 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
420	Nipissing...	North Bay	133	15	...	14	12	10	4	...	1	...	...	2	13	25	20	106 45	60	163 40	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	650 00
427	Nickel...	Sudbury	154	12	...	12	7	6	1	...	1	...	...	1	13	19	21	90 00	5	81 00	Dec. 29, '06	Excellent	Yes	Yes	300 00
442	Dyvenant...	Thessalon	78	1	...	7	6	4	1	...	2	5	...	...	11	10	14	...	4	135 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	...
447	Stargu Falls	Sturgeon Falls	62	5	...	5	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	110	9	...	...	50 25	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	600 00
455	Doric...	Little Current	67	4	...	23	14	10	7	...	1	...	...	2	13	30	33	...	10	260 00	Dec. 27, '06	Excellent	Yes	Yes	2500 00
462	Temisc'ing	New Liskeard	85	29	...	78	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	11	8	21	120 00	32	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Joint
469	Algoma...	S. S. Marie	78	3	...	6	6	9	1	...	1	...	...	...	11	3	14	5 00	1	4 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
472	Gore Bay...	Gore Bay	43	8	...	10	5	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	Yes	Yes	

MUSKOKA DISTRICT NO. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year, and in doing so I feel it my duty first to thank the brethren for the high honor conferred in selecting me to fill the important and responsible position of D. D. G. M. and also to express to them my appreciation of the cordial treatment extended to me whilst paying my official visits, a flattering reception being accorded in every case. During my term of office I visited all the lodges in the district once officially, besides making several fraternal visits.

I have found the various lodges enthusiastic in the work of the Craft. It has been a continual delight to me to see how familiar the brethren are with the work. Good feeling prevails. The brethren are seeking for the best and are glad to receive any suggestions that promise a better practice of the Masonic art. There is still room for growth even in our most privileged lodges.

I have endeavored to keep the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund prominently before the various lodges. These are the days of full harvest and growth in the financial wealth of the country. Of these advantages the brethren have their full share, and it is their plain duty to provide for the needy widows and orphans of deserving brethren. In this connection I wish to say that I notice a tendency—due to the spirit of the times—towards increased expenditure in the social side of Masonry, without any corresponding increase in the direction of charity. While fully alive to the importance of maintaining the social side, let us not forget that charity is the main advertisement we are holding out to the public and we should not travel under false colors.

On entering upon my duties my first official act was to appoint W. Bro. F. P. Warne, of Muskoka Lodge, No.

360, District Secretary, and I wish to extend to him my sincere thanks for his very able and beneficial services. He attended me upon all my official visits except one, and only important private business prevented him from being with me upon that occasion.

DEATHS.

During the year I received notice of the death of Bro. D. Macfarlane, of Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting February 11th, 1907. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge besides a number of visitors, including the principal officers of my lodge, Muskoka, No. 360, Bracebridge. The work of the evening consisted of two passings and one raising. The W. M., R. W. Bro. W. W. McPhee, assisted by W. Bros. F. Hornsby and J. H. Elliott, P. M's, and the subordinate officers of the lodge, conferred the degrees in a most credible and efficient manner. The Wardens' lectures were given perfectly and the floor work was excellent. The furniture of the lodge is new and up to date, and all the appointments are excellent. One rather unique feature of the occasion was the presence of the W. M. and Wardens of Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, who had all previously been members of Golden Rule Lodge, and to mark the circumstance the W. M. of Golden Rule Lodge invited them to assume the chairs and close the lodge.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: I visited this lodge officially on their regular night of meeting, February 13th, 1907. There was a very good attendance. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, the officers are capable and performed the work of the several degrees in a most efficient manner. The W. M., W. Bro. John McLeod, is ably assisted by a large number of P. M's, including R. W. Bro. J. N. Shearer, whose presence insures proficiency in the work and close adherence to the ancient landmarks. The books are fairly well kept, the finances are in a healthy condition, and a spirit of peace and harmony pervades the lodge.

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burke's Falls: I visited this lodge officially on their regular night of meeting, March

4th, 1907. This lodge, under the able management of its W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Harris, is rapidly recovering from the heavy loss it sustained two years ago by fire, in which they lost all their furniture and appointments, and had no insurance. Their meetings are still held in the Court House, but they hope to secure more comfortable quarters in the near future. I had the privilege of witnessing the third degree conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Harris, assisted by W. Bro. Hilliar and R. W. Bro. Barber. The work was well exemplified. W. Bro. Sturgeon, who has for several years so faithfully attended to the duties as Secretary, having moved away, the new Secretary is not conversant with his duties, so that the work is thrown a good deal upon the W. M. Although the lodge is still considerably behind financially, the members are full of zeal, and hope, by rigid economy, to be able in a short time to wipe out their indebtedness.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: I made my official visit to this lodge at the regular meeting on the evening of March 5th, 1907. There was a fair attendance considering the distance many of the brethren reside from the lodge room. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. John McLeod, W. M., and W. Bros. Grant and Fisher, P. M's, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. We had a very pleasant meeting. The work consisted of three thirds, which were conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Metcalfe, assisted by W. Bros. McLeod, Fisher and Grant, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. The work was exceptionally well done, all the officers contributing their share to make it almost perfect. The books are fairly well kept and the finances are in good condition, and the prospects for the future are fair.

Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan: I made my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting held on the evening of March 6th, 1907. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors. The work of the evening consisted of one first and opening and closing in the second and third. W. Bro. Wm. Carmichael occupied the chair and performed the work with accuracy and skill. The brethren of Powassan lodge are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they have fitted up their lodge room. The Secretary's books are fairly well kept, and I am led to believe that the prospects of the lodge are much better now than they have been for some time.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: I made my official visit to this lodge on March 18th, 1907, their regular night of meeting. I was accompanied by P. M's W. Bros. Fisher and Grant, of Unity Lodge, Huntsville, and W. Bro. J. W. Harris, W. M. of Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, was also present. The work of the evening consisted of three thirds. The work was well exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Cook, in which he was ably assisted by W. Bro. A. T. French and R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, my immediate predecessor, and P. M's W. Bros. Fisher and Grant, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. The lodge room is nicely fitted up, the books are fairly well kept, the lodge is out of debt, and prospects of the lodge are good.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the 20th of March, 1907. I received a very cordial and hearty reception and spent a very pleasant evening. The only work was one initiation, and when I say that the work was well done it is nothing but what would be expected, as the W. M. of the lodge is R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, and he was assisted by R. W. Bro. Knifton and V. W. Bro. W. E. Foote. Granite lodge is the oldest and most prosperous lodge in the district. They own the building in which their lodge room is situated and derive a large revenue from the rentals of the other portions of the building, and as it is situated in the flourishing town of Parry Sound the future prospects of the lodge are certainly bright.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, April 4th, 1907. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, including R. W. Bro. W. W. McPhee, W. M. of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst. He was accompanied by P. M. W. Bro. Hornsby, the two Wardens and several brethren of his lodge. We had a very enjoyable evening. There was not much work. The W. M., W. Bro. Fred. Johnston, conferred the first degree on a very bright candidate in a creditable manner. As this is my own lodge, of which I am a regular attendant, I have frequent opportunities to judge the work done and consider that it is second to none in the district. R. W. Bro. R. Mills as Secretary is a guarantee that the books are kept in a proper manner. This com-

pleted my round of official visits, and in conclusion I wish to say that my term of office has been a very pleasant one, and I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the very kind manner in which they treated me at all my official visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES WHITTEN, D. D. G. M.,

Muskoka District No. 19.

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present my official report for Otonabee District No. 20. I take this opportunity to thank the representatives of the district for the great honor conferred on me in my election to the position of D. D. G. M. and for the uniform courtesy extended to me by the brethren of the various lodges at my official visits. I am pleased to be enabled to report that Masonry is flourishing in the district, that the best of harmony prevails in all the lodges, the work is being exemplified with most gratifying uniformity, and the arrearage of dues has been greatly lessened. I have officially visited each lodge in the district at least once, and have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the necessity of making a more energetic effort on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Fund. Two dispensations were issued to attend divine service, one to Norwood Lodge and one to Hope Lodge. Ten deaths have been reported to me.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: This is my home lodge, and I attend the meetings regularly. I paid my official visit on St. John's night, December 27, 1906, and installed the officers for the ensuing Masonic year. The newly installed W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Bonnycastle, and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in an exceedingly creditable manner. The handsomely furnished lodge rooms were nearly filled to their capacity by the members and visitors, resulting in a very enjoyable occasion. Everything in connection with this lodge is in good condition, harmony prevails, and the finances are on a solid basis.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: On January 24th, 1907, I visited this lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson. The attendance was good. W. Bro. Burnham, W. M., assisted by R. W. Bro. Smith, conferred the third degree on a candidate. The work

was exemplified most impressively and correctly. The officers were all new in their positions, yet they all performed their duties exceedingly well. The books are well kept, and the finances are in a healthy condition. The lodge is prosperous.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock: Having received a special invitation from the W. M., W. Bro. Kniewasser, I visited this lodge officially on January 25, 1907, and installed the officers. There was a large attendance of the members, who are most enthusiastic, and I predict a successful future for this lodge. The newly installed W. M., W. Bro. Pacey, assisted by P. M. Dorricott, initiated a candidate, and the work was well done. The books are well and neatly kept by the efficient Secretary, Bro. Patterson.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood: I visited this lodge officially at their regular meeting on February 27. The attendance was good, the lodge room being comfortably filled. The W. M., W. Bro. Harper, exemplified the work in the third degree very efficiently, all the officers being well up in their work. The Secretary, Bro. MacLennan has his books in exceptionally good shape, special features being the roll call and history of the lodge, as compiled by him. The Semi-Centennial Fund has been fully paid up by this lodge. The lodge room is neat and cosy, and the prospect is good.

On February 28th, 1907, I visited Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene. The attendance was small, but enthusiastic. W. Bro. McNeal, a veteran Past Master of the lodge, and one who takes a great interest in its welfare, conferred on a candidate the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and the work was very creditably done, all the officers being well up in their work. This lodge is financially sound, and the books are in good shape. The records of the amounts paid into the Semi-Centennial Relief Fund have been lost, but the lodge promised to take the question up vigorously.

I visited Peterboro Lodge, No. 155, Peterboro, the banner lodge of the district, on March 1st. The attendance was very large, the beautiful lodge rooms being nearly filled to their capacity. Work in the first, second and third degrees was admirably done by the W. M., W. Bro. Jeffries, assisted by an imposing array of well skilled Past Masters. The work as rendered in this lodge is an inspiration and quite beyond criticism. R. W. Bro.

Walkey, the efficient Secretary, keeps the books in thoroughly good shape. The lodge is prosperous, with plenty of work and good material.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: I visited this lodge officially on March 26th, accompanied by 14 brethren from Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville. Although the weather was bad and the roads worse, there was a very good attendance of the members. The W. M., W. Bro. McLeod, conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner, and was ably assisted by the Wardens and officers of the lodge. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Dr. Bonnycastle and the officers of Jerusalem lodge in their usual efficient manner. Durham lodge is prosperous and their finances are in good shape.

On April 1st I visited Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee. I was received most cordially by the members. The brethren are very enthusiastic in their desire to restore Lorne lodge to its former state of efficiency, and there is good evidence of a decided improvement. The finances are in much better shape, the arrears to Grand Lodge will all be paid up before July, and the prospects are good. Work was exceedingly well done in the second degree by the W. M., W. Bro. Weir, and his officers.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: I visited this lodge officially on April 2nd. The attendance was very good. The E. A. degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. H. G. Fitzgerald, who takes a pride in his work and has it well in hand. He was ably assisted by an efficient staff of officers. A number of well skilled Past Masters take an active interest in the proceedings, consequently the work is exceedingly well and impressively rendered. Everything in connection with this lodge betokens prosperity, harmony, and good Masonic feeling. After closing down the large gathering repaired to the Lakefield House and partook of a superb banquet, and a very pleasant and social time was spent, the brethren dispersing just before the break of day.

On April 5th I visited Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, and was received most cordially by the great assemblage of members and visitors. The finances of the lodge are on a good sound basis, and the books are accurately and neatly kept by P. M. Thomas H. Bell. The E. A. degree was conferred on two candidates by the W.

M., W. Bro. H. C. Bailey, strongly supported by his regular officers. After calling off to partake of an excellent luncheon the lodge resumed work and the third degree was exemplified in a very able manner by W. Bro. Bailey, assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. The meeting rooms are both handsome and commodious. Hope Lodge is enjoying great prosperity, with plenty of work and good material.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope: I visited this lodge, the oldest in the district, on April 18th, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, K. C., and the officers of Jerusalem lodge. There was a very large attendance of members, the handsomely furnished rooms being comfortably filled, and the reception was most cordial. One candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Dr. Bonnycastle and the officers of Jerusalem lodge. A candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W. M. of the lodge, W. Bro. A. H. C. Long, assisted by some of the Past Masters. The work as rendered was faultless, the subordinate officers being especially proficient. R. W. Bro. Evans takes an active interest in the lodge, and R. W. Bro. Robertson is a most efficient Secretary.

I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro, on April 19th. I was accorded a very warm reception by a large number of members and visitors. The work as rendered by the W. M. and officers in the second and third degrees was especially good and as near perfection as possible. W. Bro. Craig is an ideal presiding officer and receives the best of support from his colleagues. Bro. Watt, the Secretary, has his books and the finances in excellent shape. The lodge has been favored with an abundance of work and good material.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: My first official visit to this lodge was made on April 25, 1907. There was a fairly good attendance, and I received a genuine Masonic welcome. Orono lodge is in a good state financially, and the Past Masters are loyal in their attendance at the regular meetings, but there seems to be a scarcity of good material for new membership. The members are enthusiastic, and the Past Masters are well skilled, and I hope for a revival of the busy times which formerly characterized this lodge. W. Bro. Henry opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a correct and business-

like manner. I visited Orono lodge again on June 20th and presided over a joint installation of the officers of the lodge and of Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle. After the work was concluded a very pleasant time was spent by the members and numerous visitors in the exemplification of the 4th degree.

In conclusion allow me to say that, bearing in mind M. W. Bro. Murray's request, I have condensed my report as much as possible. Much more could be said of the kindness and truly Masonic treatment accorded to me by the brethren, and I sincerely hope that my successor may have a similar experience.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. R. BOUNSALL, D. D. G. M.,

Otonabee District No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Otonabee District, No. 20, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem- bership.	Decrease during year.	Increase during year.	Mem- bership, conf'd	Degre's	Abiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
							F. A. F. C. M. M.																	
26	Ontario. ...	Port Hope.....	132 19	3	13	10	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 14	8 22	20	395 00	28	\$289 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes \$1200 00
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville..	91 4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	26	70 00	3	15 75	Dec. 26, '06	Good	Good	Yes 1400 00
66	Durham ...	Newcastle ...	29 9	2	8	5	6	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	10	10	.....	3	20 00	Feb'y, 1907	Good	Good	Yes Yes
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	132 7	6	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3 12	2 14	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes 2000 00
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	126 18	18	18	16	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	8 23	30	20 00	.....	.....	June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes Yes
145	J. B. Hall.	Millbrook.....	56 1	3	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 8	2 10	15	20 00	.....	65 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes Yes
155	Peterboro.	Peterborough.	205 13	3	10	9	6	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1 12	3 15	34	35 00	10	37 25	Dec. 28, '06	Excell'nt	Bright	Yes Yes
233	Norwood	Norwood	87 9	11	13	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 13	10 23	31	5 00	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes 300 00
313	Clementi.	Lakefield.....	72 7	7	7	8	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	12	31	.....	.....	.....	June 29, '07	Good	Good	Yes 300 00
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	31	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 9	9	10	5 00	2	12 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Beff'r	Yes 400 00
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	35	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 12	12	12	20 00	.....	.....	Jan. 4, '07	Good	Good	Yes No
375	Lorne.....	Omemee.....	37	.....	1	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	3 13	12	.....	17	106 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes 300 00
435	Havelock...	Havelock	86 9	.....	9	5	6	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 13	1 14	16	.....	4	20 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Good	Yes Yes

EASTERN DISTRICT NO. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in Eastern District No. 21. I desire, in the first place, to return thanks to the brethren for unanimously electing me to this honorable position a year ago, and also for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on all occasions I have met with them during my term of office, and I sincerely wish that I have been in some measure instrumental in doing some lasting good for our beloved order.

Upon assuming office I appointed W. Bro. Geo. Johnson, of Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester, my District Secretary.

Realizing that in the past our District Deputy Grand Masters performed the important duties devolving upon them in a perfunctory manner, I determined to hold a Lodge of Instruction at every visit, and wherein the officers failed to perform their respective duties then and there to instruct and direct them in the proper manner. The wisdom of this act was very manifest, because in nearly every lodge in the district the officers failed to put on the recent work as directed. From this time forward in this district I trust that there will be a uniformity of the work. I also found in every lodge that the forms used for petition of candidates and affiliations were not in accordance with those laid down in the Constitution. I requested these to be immediately amended to conform to those laid down by Grand Lodge. I especially directed the attention of the lodges to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and did not fail to try and impress upon the brethren the duty they owed to Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge in respect to the fund. I would suggest to the lodges in the district the advisability of electing their officers before the meeting of Grand Lodge or immediately thereafter.

At present, being elected and installed in December, I could not officially visit them until March or April, thus making my term for official work very short. I would recommend the election in the month of May.

Masonry throughout the district, with very few exceptions, is in a flourishing condition, and I believe all the lodges will endeavor to comply strictly with the regulations laid down by the Grand Lodge.

Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg: Upon instructions from the Grand Master, on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1906, I had the extreme pleasure of opening under a dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master a new lodge at Williamsburg. This lodge was opened under the most favorable circumstances, with a membership of nineteen, and on the night of opening other applications were received, all of whom, from enquiries which I had made, will make estimable Masons. I am very much indebted to R. W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, P. D. D. G. M., for the able assistance rendered me at the opening ceremony, also to the many brethren present from Chesterville Lodge, Chesterville; Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg; Friendly Brothers Lodge, Iroquois, and to R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, P. D. D. G. M., of Farran's Point Lodge, for kindly assistance. Bro. Chas. F. Whitteker, as W. M., will be ably supported by Bro. W. C. Strader as S. W.; Bro. Deeks, J. W., and W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Whitteker, as Secretary, and I trust at the meeting of next Grand Lodge to render such a report that the Grand Lodge will feel justified in granting them their warrant.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria: I visited this lodge on the 16th of April, when I was right royally entertained. The brethren have a beautiful lodge room to meet in. The membership is growing rapidly. W. Bros. Simpson, Tiffany, and the other brethren composing the membership are fine men. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the second degree and afterwards opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees in a satisfactory manner. The books are well kept by Bro. Mason, the Secretary, and the finances are good. The usual banquet was held in the Commercial Hotel and was enjoyed by all present.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill: Visited here on the evening of the 17th April. There was a good attendance of members present. The candidate for the

third degree not having put in an appearance, the W. M., W. Bro. Arthur N. Cheney and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees fairly well. The brethren have a nice cosy room, well furnished and attractive. Bro. F. B. Bowden, the Secretary, keeps the books well, and the finances are in good shape. The lodge is very prosperous and the officers are anxious to do their parts well. Would advise the brethren in opening and closing in the several degrees to go through all the work, as practice makes perfect. An enjoyable luncheon was served in the dining room in connection with the lodge room.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury: I visited here on the evening of the 18th of April. Quite a number of the brethren were present. W. Bro. Wm. Courtney and his officers have the work up well. Bro. John Sherman, the efficient Secretary, is the right brother in the right place. The books as kept are certainly models, and the finances are first-class. It is a pleasure to meet with these brethren, they are so kind, courteous and manly. Many of them appeared in evening dress and are to be commended for so doing. An enjoyable luncheon followed the work in the lodge.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited this lodge at an emergency meeting held on the evening of the 23rd of May. Was met at the station upon the arrival of the train by W. Bros. Nicholson and Dr. A. F. McLaren, the Master of the lodge. I was entertained at the lovely home of Bro. McLaren and his esteemed lady. The candidate for the evening did not put in an appearance, so the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and closed in same by Bro. McLaren and his officers in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept and the finances are in a healthy condition. The lodge room is a pretty one, beautifully kept and arranged. Bro. McLaren makes a commanding and efficient presiding Master. I did enjoy myself with these kind brethren. A nice light lunch was provided by them and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. I cannot close this report without publicly thanking W. Bro. Dr. McLaren and his cultured lady for the kind hospitality extended to me.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet: Visited this lodge on the evening of the 19th of April. Upon

arriving at the C. P. R. station I was received by two of the brethren, who kindly accompanied me to my hotel. I was fraternally received by the brethren of the lodge. There was no work, but the W. M., W. Bro. Fraser, and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees in a splendid manner. The lodge room is small, but very neat and beautifully furnished. The Secretary, Bro. John Smith, is the best in the district. His books are elegantly kept, and as may be expected the finances of the lodge are in excellent condition. The officers all have their work well in hand. I was surprised to find all my expenses paid from the time I arrived at the station until I left next morning. Here and at Lancaster were the only places where I was so generously treated. The brethren here are extremely kind and there is nothing too good for the D. D. G. M.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore: Visited this lodge May 13th, at an emergency meeting. The brethren have not a very good lodge room, thus they are laboring under a serious difficulty. There were only a few present. There was a candidate for the second degree, when the W. M., W. Bro. Winters, and his officers exemplified the work and opened and closed in the other degrees fairly well. Bro. S. Shaver is a careful Secretary; the books are well kept and the finances in good condition. Would recommend the brethren to assemble, as near as possible, at the appointed hour. W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Whitteker, now of Williamsburg lodge, was present. He is a general favorite in Avonmore, his former home. Masonry owes a great deal here to our genial and beloved brother.

Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg: Visited this lodge officially May 15th. Was well received. This lodge is working under a dispensation from Grand Lodge, and was instituted on the 30th October, A. D. 1906, starting out with 19 members. The lodge room is small, well situated, neat and beautifully furnished. It certainly reflects great credit on the part of the brethren. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Whitteker, who makes an excellent Secretary, and is a remarkably zealous Mason. The work done by the W. M., W. Bro. Chas. F. Whitteker, and his officers was perfect. The greatest harmony now exists between this lodge and Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg. Without excep-

tion the work exemplified by the officers of this lodge was the best in the district. I was simply delighted with the manner in which the brethren, one and all, are taking hold of Masonry in this locality, and I believe in the very near future this lodge will be the best in many respects. At the close of the meeting a sumptuous repast was partaken of in the refreshment room of the lodge and a good sociable time was enjoyed by all present.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: My official visit here was made on the 16th of May. A number of the brethren from Williamsburg Lodge were present and assisted in giving me a right hearty reception. The brethren have a fine lodge room, nicely situated, well furnished, and very suitable. They met on time, as I am informed they usually do. The lodge has a splendid staff of officers, with a number of Past Masters, and is making fine progress this year. Bro. A. W. Massey is an untiring officer as Secretary, and looks well after the duties of his office. The dues are kept well paid up and the finances are in a healthy condition. W. Bro. W. K. Farlinger and his officers are well skilled in the work. The second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, and the lodge was opened and closed in the other degrees very well. As usual at the close a happy hour was spent over a delicious lunch.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: Visited this lodge May 17th, when a goodly number of the brethren were present. The lodge room and furnishings are new and reflect great credit upon the committee in charge. There are seventeen Past Masters. The officers are for the most part young men, and very efficient and of the right stamp, who under the guidance of W. Bro. C. E. Cameron, are building up a successful lodge. Bro. A. B. Carman is an excellent Secretary. The finances are in good shape, dues fairly well paid up. There was no work, but the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees in a fairly good manner. A splendid luncheon closed my delightful visit with the brethren.

Farrans Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville: Visited this lodge May 20th, when there was a very small attendance at the meeting, due to the fact that it was seeding time, and the majority of the brethren are from the rural parts of the community. The W. M. was absent, but the

chair was occupied by W. Bro. D. E. L. Brown, I. P. M. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, P. D. D. G. M., who is a very acceptable Secretary. The lodge room is large, but not well furnished. The brethren are evidently having a hard time of it financially. The candidate for the second degree did not put in an appearance, consequently no degree work. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees fairly well. The usual luncheon followed, in which all heartily joined.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales: Visited this lodge on the evening of May 21st, when there were a number of brethren present. The lodge room is small, but neat and elegantly furnished, and is a model of perfection. The brethren are progressive and enthusiastic Masons, keeping the finances and dues of the lodge in good shape. Every member has paid his \$3.00 to the Semi-Centennial Fund. In the absence of the W. M. the East was taken by W. Bro. O. C. Pitts, I. P. M., who is well skilled in the work, as well as all the other officers. Bro. F. Warren is a splendid Secretary. The candidates did not appear for the degrees, so the lodge opened and closed in the several degrees in a very excellent manner. A swell luncheon was prepared by the brethren and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Altogether Wales Lodge is a good example for some other lodges to imitate.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: Visited here May 22nd. There were a great many brethren present. The lodge room is very suitable and furnished in a becoming manner. The second degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. R. J. Webb, and his officers in an almost faultless manner, and the lecture and charge were particularly well rendered by the J. W. and V. W. Bro. John Ridley. The finances, books and records are kept by the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Ridley, in an elegant manner. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, P. D. D. G. M. of this district. The S. D., Bro. A. A. Smith, is a model officer. It certainly was a Masonic treat to see how well he performed his duties. I anticipated an evening of delight and pleasure with so many good and true Masons, and it was fully realized. The luncheon at the close of the work was presided over by W. Bro. Webb in a graceful manner, when a number of toasts were proposed and suitably replied to.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: Visited here on the evening of the 27th May at a regular communication. The attendance was very small, scarcely sufficient to form a quorum. This lodge does not seem to prosper as it should, and there seems to be a very apathetic spirit among the members. The W. M. and his officers are too slow in doing the work. There being no candidate for any of the degrees, the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third fairly well. There are a great number of the brethren in arrears with their dues. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. C. F. Robinson, and there is a good balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands, with no liabilities. I was delighted to meet W. Bro. W. H. Moad, who has been a regular attendant at lodge for many years. Masonry in Chesterville owes a great deal to our esteemed brother, and to Bro. Dr. Miles Brown and others, who are the main stay of the lodge. Unless the brethren wake up and take a more lively interest in the work Masonry will soon be *non est*. There seems to be a lack of harmony among the brethren, which is to be regretted.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: I paid my official visit to this, my own lodge, on the evening of June 21st, at a regular communication, when I was cordially received by a large number of the brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. Thos. H. Dunn, and his regular officers were in their places, and after the usual business of the evening the first degree was conferred upon a very intelligent candidate. The work done is faultless. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees in a perfect manner, which pleased me very much. The Secretary, Bro. Geo. Johnson, keeps his books in a satisfactory shape. Dues are well paid up and all records carefully looked after. The lodge room is possibly the neatest, best furnished, and the most up-to-date in the district. There are a number of Past Masters, most of whom, at an emergency, can assume and perform the duties of any office in the lodge. The success of Henderson lodge, for the most part, is due to Bro. Geo. Johnson, who has acted as Secretary for a number of years. Always present at the meetings, the finances closely guarded, and the membership dues never permitted to fall in arrears for more than a year. The brethren, one and all, appreciate the work so faithfully done by our esteemed brother. This

lodge stands pre-eminently the first, not only in the work but also in conducting social functions. The annual banquet, as well as those upon occasions such as that in honor of the D. D. G. M., are of a high order in menu and toast list. The W. M., W. Bro. Dunn, presided at the banquet held in the Bowen House at the close of the lodge. The usual toasts to the King, Grand Lodge, and the Commercial Interests of the Dominion, were proposed and responded to by a number of the brethren.

In conclusion I wish to say that my term of office has been one of great pleasure and profit to me, and I sincerely hope that the benefits received have been mutual. I have, to the best of my ability, tried to perform the several duties of my honored office, and if I have failed in carrying out my mission I ask the forgiveness of the brethren, who have shown me so much kindness and consideration.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. S. REVELER, D. D. G. M.,
Eastern District No. 21.

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment, to meet again at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock p. m.

The representatives of Sister Grand Lodges, whose names are reported in an earlier part of the proceedings, were received and welcomed in suitable words by the M. W. the Grand Master and were accorded Grand Honors.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Warrants, makes the following recommendations:

1. That Warrants be issued to the following lodges: Milverton Lodge, No. 478, Milverton; Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell; Williamsburgh Lodge, No. 480, Williamsburgh, and Corinthian Lodge, No. 481, Toronto.

2. That the dispensation granted, to Granton Lodge, Granton, be continued during the ensuing year.

3. That with reference to Bancroft Lodge, Bancroft, under dispensation since May, 1906, the Board recommends that owing to the manner in which the minutes have been kept and the present financial position of the lodge as shown by the cash book, the dispensation be continued for another year. The Board desires to impress upon this lodge the necessity of carrying out the requirements of the Constitution and of placing the lodge in a strong position, financially and otherwise, during the coming year, or it will be necessary for the Board, at the next annual communication, to consider the advisability of withdrawing the dispensation, and that the M. W. the Grand Secretary specially call the attention of Bancroft lodge to this clause of the report.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

Ottawa, 16th July, 1907.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg leave to report:

1. That they have examined the following accounts, and, finding them correct, recommend the same to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment.

Easteru Canadian Passenger Agent	\$ 8 00
The Copp, Clark Co., Certificates, Warrants, etc. . .	700 00
Spectator Printing Co., contract.	2132 19
The Robert Duncan Co., stationery	53 45
A. C. Turnbull Co.	21 93
G. H. Lanigan	9 00
Thos. French	36 80
Howell Lithographing Co..	36 00
Reid Press	21 00
Atwell Fleming Printing Co...	149 75
Rolph Clark Co..	33 25
Brown Bros Co.	13 00
Adam Cook Co...	4 00
Masonic History Co.	33 00
Spencer Co., London, Eng., for new Grand Lodge Regalia.	1467 64
A. M. Cunningham	223 00
Total.	\$4,942 01

2. In view of the fact that the contract for the printing of Grand Lodge Proceedings expires in October, 1908, the Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for tenders for the printing of the same, on the specifications adopted by Grand Lodge in 1898 (the same upon which the present contract was awarded) and report to the Board.

3. The Board further recommends that during the interim of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies, together with the Grand Secretary, be empowered to award the contract for the printing to the lowest bidder, everything else being equal.

4. The Board will endeavor to place the various reports to Grand Lodge in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted.

W. GEO. EAKINS,
Chairman Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Député Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. George S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have pleasure in reporting that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been deposited to the credit of Grand Lodge in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary's report gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in his office.

The total receipts have been \$37,359 79

The total expenditures are as follows :

General purposes	\$14,201 72	
Grants for Benevolence.	22,260 00	
Grant to Jamaica sufferers	1,000 00	
		37,461 72

Leaving a deficit of \$101 93
to be taken from the General Fund.

That the total receipts continue to increase, from year to year must be highly gratifying to Grand Lodge, and your Committee have great pleasure in reporting the same, which might also be taken as an indication of the strength and prosperity of the subordinate lodges.

The following securities were held by Grand Lodge on the 31st May, 1907 :

Brockville Debentures, face value, 4 per cent. . . \$	3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value, 6 per cent. . .	7,000 00
Central Canadian Loan & Savings Co., 4½ p. c. . .	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Mortgage Co., 4 per cent.	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co., 4¾ per cent. . . .	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . . .	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . .	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, 4 per cent. . . .	8,000 00

St. Thomas Debentures, 4 per cent	12,148 50
City of Toronto, 3½ to pay 4 per cent...	4,866 66
Brockville Debentures, face value \$4,832 09	
Purchased to yield 4½ p. c. cost price	4,649 44
Brockville Debentures, face value \$5,000 00	
Purchased to pay 4% per cent	4,848 75
	\$109,513 35

Current Account—

Balance Canadian Bank of Commerce,	
May 31st, 1907.	\$5,773 80
Less cheques not presented up to May	
31st, 1907	435 00
	5,338 80
	\$114,852 15

The increase to the Semi-Centennial Fund has not been so great this year as we would like to be able to report, and we strongly recommend that the incoming District Deputies be charged with the very great importance of urging the various lodges in their districts to give this worthy fund their unqualified support.

While your committee have pleasure in reporting that the fund has reached the grand total of \$34,948.75 on May 31st, 1907, yet we feel sure that persistent action in behalf of this fund by the District Deputies will result in far larger gain than it has yet experienced.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is invested as follows :

DEBENTURES.

City of Toronto	\$ 5,000 00
City of Woodstock.. . . .	4,000 00
City of Ottawa	10,000 00
City of Peterboro	2,000 00
Stock in Hamilton Masonic Hall	100 00
City of St. Catharines, to pay 4¼ per cent., cost..	5,201 00
Town of Oshawa, to pay 4½ per cent., cost..	5,272 13
Balance at credit of current account in Canadian	
Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1907	2,925 96
	\$34,999 09

The Committee on Printing and Supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommends their payment :

Eastern Canadian Passenger Agent	\$ 8 00
Copp, Clark & Co.	700 00
Spectator Printing Co.	2,132 19
Robert Duncan & Co.	53 45
A. C. Turnbull & Co.	21 93
G. H. Lanigan	9 00
Thomas French	36 80
Howell Lithographing Co.	36 00
Reid Press	21 00
Atwell Fleming Co...	149 75
Brown Bros. & Co.	13 00

Rolph Clark Co.	33 25
Adam Cook Co.	4 00
Masonic History Co.	33 00
Spencer Co., London, Eng., for new G. L. regalia.	1,467 64
A. M. Cunningham	223 00
	4,942 01

The Board further recommend the payment to R. W. Bro. Nixon for attendance at the Benevolence Committee, \$15.00 ; also to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, auditor fees in full, \$300.00. The Board have inspected the bond of the Grand Secretary, issued by the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, of Baltimore. Same is drawn on a special and approved form for the sum of \$5,000.00, and authorizes the Grand Master for the time being to fully represent Grand Lodge in renewing the same. The bond is in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

The Board recommends that the sum of \$750.00 per annum be paid to the inspector of benevolent grants on same terms and conditions as reported in 1905.

In the matter of dispute between the Grand Secretary and Tweed Lodge, No. 239, as to the balance due the general fund by that lodge, the committee recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary to adjust.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Ottawa, Ont., July 15th, 1907.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes :

R. W. Sir and Brethren :

I beg to report that I have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer on the general account, and on the Semi-Centennial Fund account, for the year ended May 31st, 1907, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and I hereby certify to their correctness.

I have made monthly reports to the M. W. the Grand Master and to the President of the Board on the receipts of the Grand Secretary and the disposal thereof. All moneys received have been promptly deposited in the bank to the credit of the Grand Treasurer and all payments have been made by cheques signed by the proper officers, viz., the President of the Board, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

An abstract of the receipts and expenditures of Grand Lodge for the year was prepared and certified by me as correct and mailed to each lodge, and to the members of the Board, on June 15th, 1907.

In conjunction with the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge in the safety deposit vault of the Toronto General Trusts Company, on June 7th, 1907, and found them complete with all unpaid coupons attached.

The amount of said securities is as follows, and agrees with the Treasurer's balance sheets, viz. :

Grand Lodge General Account. . . .	\$109,513 35
Semi-Centennial Fund Account. . . .	31,573 13

I have examined the Grand Secretary's report as regards statements of receipts and expenditure, also the Grand Treasurer's reports on the general account and on the Semi-Centennial Fund account, and have certified to their correctness.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN, C. A.,
Auditor.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence :

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report as follows :

During the year which has lapsed since the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board, made twenty-one interim grants to applicants, amounting to the sum of \$930.00. Two additional applications were received and investigated in which it did not appear that the applicants were in extreme distress, and no interim grants were made in these cases. Three other applications were not acted upon, owing to the fact that further information asked for was not received from the lodges.

The system of making interim grants has again been the means of assisting many brethren and widows in the days of their unforeseen troubles ; its helpfulness is immeasurable by reason of the promptness with which it can be acted upon.

The Board has learned with much pleasure that the Grand Lodge cash receipts during the financial year just closed are again in excess of the receipts of the previous year, while the expenditure has decreased, thus enabling the Board to again increase a large number of grants to those beneficiaries whose circumstances appeal with greatest force to our sympathies. The grants recommended by the committee at this meeting are \$4,415.00 in excess of those made last year, while the revenue of Grand Lodge during the year just closed exceeded the revenue of the previous year by nearly \$3,000.00. The whole of the available current funds of Grand Lodge are con-

sequently being utilized for the payment of the grants for benevolence. The Board recommends that the increasing net revenue of Grand Lodge should be largely devoted to the same cause feeling assured from past experience that the measure of comfort which it is our privilege to give to our distressed brethren and their families is of very great service to them and is most warmly appreciated.

The committee has received, at this present meeting of Grand Lodge, 364 applications for relief, 5 of which have been refused, and recommends that the following grants for the current year be made, viz. :

171 Grants through Local Board of Relief	\$8,720 00
193 Grants through lodges	13,540 00
Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge :	
Mrs. M. W. Wilson	\$300 00
Mrs. T. D. Harington	300 00
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
Total amount of grants made at this annual communication	\$23,235 00
Grant made by the Grand Master for sufferers by the earthquake disaster at Jamaica	1,000 00
Interim grants made by the Chairman of the Committee during the past year	930 00
Total grants for the year	\$25,165 00

The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports, amount in the aggregate to \$14,500.00.

In accordance with the Rule No. 8 on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following lodges must be withheld until proper returns have been received from those lodges, as to the disposal made of last year's grants. The lodges referred to are : Numbers, 32, 38, 48, 68, 81, 87, 99, 104, 114, 120, 141, 153, 165, 166, 169, 185, 216, 222, 224, 243, 262, 282, 295, 303, 306, 314, 348, 356, 377, 388, 396, 401, 409, 425, 436, 437, 447.

It is recommended that investigation be made into the circumstances of such applicants as the Committee on Benevolence may direct, and that the cheques in such cases be withheld pending a favorable report by the inspector.

The Board is of the opinion that the question of utilizing the income derived from the Semi-Centennial Fund investments for the benefit of the most extreme cases of distress among the recipients of Grand Lodge relief should receive the serious consideration of Grand Lodge. The matter will, therefore, be brought before Grand Lodge by the introduction of a resolution and rules for the application of the fund.

It has been a great pleasure to the Board to learn that, on hearing of the distress caused by the earthquake which befel our co-patriots in Jamaica in January last, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master promptly gave instructions that a cheque for \$1,000.00 be forwarded to R. W. Bro. Andrews at

Kingston for the relief of distressed brethren and their families.

It is with feelings of heartfelt thankfulness to the G. A. O. T. U. for the prosperity with which He has blessed our Grand Lodge and our Province, thus enabling us to afford relief and consolation to our fellow creatures in the hours of their affliction that this report is

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg to report as follows:

1. Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge, vs. Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst. Invasion of jurisdiction by initiating Bros. McCracken and Crozier.

In the year 1905 W. Bro. Hornsby was Master of Golden Rule Lodge and W. Bro. Burritt was Master of Muskoka Lodge, and owing to the difficulties surrounding the vicinity of Offington, in the Township of Droper, by reason of the irregularities of the highways running through said township, an arrangement of some kind was made between the two Masters that the two lodges mentioned should have concurrent jurisdiction over the territory about Offington, which arrangement has not in any way been formally sanctioned by the respective lodges in session, but was a matter of general knowledge to both. In May last the D. D. G. M. of the district in which the lodges in question are situate, who was a member of Muskoka lodge, obtained information through the notices sent to him as District Deputy that an application had been made by Bro. McCracken, who resided close to Offington, to become a member of Golden Rule Lodge, and through the R. W. brother Muskoka lodge became aware of the facts, and believing that Bro. McCracken was by virtue of his residence within the jurisdiction of Muskoka lodge, the R. W. brother, as a private member of Muskoka lodge, attended the meeting of Golden Rule Lodge, and before Mr. McCracken was balloted for notified W. Bro. McPhee, the then Master of Golden Rule Lodge, who was presiding, that the residence of

Bro. McCracken was within the jurisdiction of Muskoka Lodge, and objected to his application being entertained. But the W. M. submitted the name to ballot, which proving favorable, Bro. McCracken was duly initiated. Muskoka lodge thereupon appealed to Grand Lodge against the said act, complaining that it was an invasion of its territory, and also appealed against an act of Golden Rule Lodge at some former date, four or five years ago, in receiving and initiating into Masonry one Bro. Crozier, who resides in the same vicinity as Bro. McCracken. Having heard the lodges interested by their duly qualified representatives, and the D. D. G. M. of their district, and having inquired into all the facts, we find that the residences of Bros. McCracken and Crozier were clearly within the territory over which Muskoka lodge had jurisdiction, and outside of the territory over which Golden Rule Lodge had jurisdiction, and that there was an invasion of territory by Golden Rule Lodge, over which it had no control. We find also that W. Bro. McPhee did what was complained about, so far as he was concerned, in good faith, believing that the arrangement which had been made between the former W. M's of the two lodges referred to was binding and effective to permit him to do what he did. That the mistake arose by reason of the two W. M's supposing that they could override the Constitution of Grand Lodge by such an arrangement as they entered into, which was clearly unconstitutional, and therefore had no effect, and by their successors in office acting under same. The representatives of Muskoka lodge having stated to your committee that they did not desire any remissions of fees from Golden Rule Lodge by reasons of the wrongful initiation of the brethren referred to, but simply a declaration which would preserve the jurisdiction in the future, your committee contents itself with the findings above made.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414 vs. Archibald Campbell. Application of Pequonga Lodge for the reinstatement of Archibald Campbell, an expelled member.

This is an application by Pequonga Lodge for the restoration of Archibald Campbell, a former member of that lodge, who was expelled on the 4th of March, 1896, for unmasonic conduct. It appearing that no petition has been filed by Archibald Campbell for restoration, as required by the Constitution, and no evidence adduced before your committee to warrant their taking any action, your committee recommend that the request of Pequonga lodge be not complied with, but without prejudice to the said Archibald Campbell, applying in future in proper form for the relief sought.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. B. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Laws, and Jurisprudence:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence, beg leave to report as follows:

1. Notice 1, by M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson.

The subject matter of this notice is exactly the same as the amendments to the Constitution presented at last meeting of Grand Lodge, and on at least one other occasion. This resolution, therefore, comes under clause 45 of the Constitution, and can only be considered upon motion of Grand Lodge carried without debate by two-thirds majority of Grand Lodge.

2. Notice 2, by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon.

This motion can be properly considered by Grand Lodge.

3. Notice 3, by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon.

This motion is in effect the same as an amendment to the Constitution presented by the same brother at last annual meeting. The only difference is that the present notice uses the words "Lodges west of Lake Superior." Last year's notice used the words "Algoma District." As there are no lodges in Algoma District, east of Lake Superior, the effect of the present motion is exactly the same as that of last year. Your committee is of opinion that the present notice also comes under clause 45 of the Constitution and should be dealt with as notice No. 1.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, begs to report as follows:

The Board has had submitted for its perusal and consideration the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, who

have represented the Grand Master in the 22 districts into which, for convenience of supervision, this Grand Jurisdiction is divided.

From these reports it is learned that there are now on the roll of this Grand Lodge 388 lodges, of which 382 are duly warranted and six are under dispensation.

There have been no erasions or surrender of charters during the year, while on the other hand two new lodges have been established.

The total membership of the craft at the end of 1906-7 was 37,628. During the present year the figures available show about 2,800 initiations, 512 affiliations and 153 restorations, or a gross gain of 3,467. During the same period there have been 593 resignations, 396 suspended for non-payment of dues, and 416 deaths, leaving the net gain in membership for the year to be 2,060.

All the lodges have been visited and inspected with the exception of four. The circumstances which rendered impossible visitation of these four lodges were unavoidable. The information at hand about them shows that they are in a healthy and prosperous condition, so there is no need to single them out for mention.

For some years past the Board has felt it to be a pleasant duty to point out to Grand Lodge the debt of gratitude owed to the brethren who have filled the onerous and responsible positions of District Deputy Grand Masters. Each year their reports have borne evidence of the closeness and intelligence of their supervision, and by them your Board has been able to keep its finger on the pulse of the Craft at large and report its condition to Grand Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Masters for the past year, your Board is glad to say, have never been excelled for energy, accuracy and good administration. Their reports are veritable mirrors reflecting clearly the condition of all things Masonic in their various districts. When it is borne in mind that their only recompense is the dignity of their office and their consciousness of work well done, they are entitled to be thanked. Therefore, once again the Board congratulates Grand Lodge upon the services of these competent officers.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters bear testimony to the splendid efficiency and progress of the Craft; there is a marvellous absence of friction and misunderstanding, and harmony and concord prevail. It is particularly satisfactory to learn that the sharp differences which threatened the usefulness of one of the lodges and caused much anxiety at the meeting of Grand Lodge, has through firmness and tact of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, been blown away like a mist, and the consummation has been perfect reconciliation and added strength.

The numerical growth of the Order has been most satisfactory. The entry upon a Masonic career of 2,800 of the best flower of Ontario's manhood, after being tested as to character and morals, is a matter of pride and congratulation, and strong testimony to the hold that the oldest and best of fraternity societies has upon the youth of Ontario. The landmarks have been carefully observed; no violation of the

Constitution has been reported ; the lodges are active and prosperous, and the face of Masonry is as placid as one of our beautiful lakes on a summer's morn.

The Board still desires to iterate and reiterate as to the necessity for continued care as to the character of those applying for light. Occasionally a lodge exhibits a desire to add largely and quickly to its numbers, but this is to be deprecated. Masonry has never held up numbers as a test of good Masonic progress. The greatest teacher of morality the world has ever known or ever will know has said to His children : "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in their midst." Your Board recommends even increased vigilance in this respect, for it is a solemn and serious responsibility to make any person free of the Craft the world over.

The work is reported to be uniform and intelligently rendered in every district. While this is very satisfactory, your Board observes that a number of Masters are reported as unable to work degrees. This is a reflection on the lodges that elected them. No man who is too careless or too stupid to acquire the work should be allowed to rule a Masonic lodge. The attention of District Deputy Grand Masters is directed to the wisdom of ascertaining that the regular officers are filling the chairs upon occasions of inspection, and should they find an incapable Master the Installing Board should be called to account.

The financial affairs of the lodges are reported to be capably managed and all books of accounts properly kept and duly audited.

The secretarial work is reported, as a rule, to be accurately and intelligently performed. District Deputy Grand Masters comment favorably upon the value of permanent Secretaries, especially where the Secretary is a Past Master, well skilled, taking an interest and pride in the recording of all matters of importance occurring in connection with the lodge. The Board again calls attention to the value of keeping careful records, so that the necessary data may be available when the history of the lodge comes to be written up. Next to the Master the Secretary is the most important officer in the lodge, and the longer a Secretary is in office the more valuable he becomes. He is a reservoir of information upon every subject, and is thus able to assist and advise the Master and aid him to become en rapport with the spirit of the lodge and the state of its affairs.

The Board calls the attention of the D. D. G. M's to the necessity for insisting upon the transmission of statistical statements in time to accompany their reports, so that the Board may have full information from which to evolve the condition of the Craft. In one district no less than seven lodges have failed to forward these statistics in time to accompany the D. D. G. M's reports. This is a neglect that cannot be tolerated. The Board once more urges upon Masters the duty of having both the Secretary and the Treasurer under bonds. The cost to a lodge should be very small. Instances have occurred where a strong lodge has been crippled by neglecting this safe business precaution. Some D. D. G.

M's complain that they are not furnished with notices of meetings. They should be so furnished, and if not the remedy is in their own hands.

The Board regrets to state that little or no effort has been made to reduce the enormous amount of dues in arrears. It is worthy of remark that the large lodges are the most careless in this matter. The explanation is that small lodges cannot afford this careless luxury. They require the money and they get it. If each lodge would have a Committee of Investigation into this matter the Master could deal intelligently with the delinquents.

Last year the Board reported that Lodges of Instruction had been held in five districts. The Board commented upon the neglect to hold them more generally, and pointed out the desire of Grand Lodge with regard to this. This year only four Lodges of Instruction have been held. The Board once more calls attention to this matter and points out that the excuse that the work is well done as a rule does not absolve the D. D. G. M's from carrying out the directions of Grand Lodge. In the districts in which they were held the pleasure and profit derived from them is favorably commented upon by the D. D. G. M's.

The Board regrets that in a few districts only are lodges reported to have attended divine service. This is not as it should be. We cannot too often testify to the fact that Masonry claims the closest alliance to religion. Anything that would weaken our religious standing would give our enemies the opportunity to sneer. The best way to testify our belief in the goodness of Almighty God is by attending some place of worship in a body clothed as Masons to offer up praise and thanksgiving for all His mercies. The Board expresses the opinion that the regular church goer is the most active in good Masonic work. The Board is glad to notice that lectures upon subjects of Masonic history and other interesting topics have been delivered in a number of lodges during the past year.

The reports of the D. D. G. M's show that the claims upon us of the sorrow laden and poverty-stricken have been forcibly put before the lodges by urging upon them the duty of contributing to the Semi-Centennial Fund. The Board finds that there is still great interest manifested in this matter, and expresses the hope that Grand Lodge will extend the time so that the goal aimed at, the raising of \$100,000, may be finally reached.

The Board regrets that the condition of Masonry has suffered by the passing away of a number of active and prominent brethren, some of whom were exemplars of courtesy, true friendship, and an inspiration to those who knew them.

The Board expresses the opinion that D. D. G. M's might well omit from their reports long lists of names of brethren they met at various lodges and confine their remarks to a general statement of the work, conditions and standing of the lodge as a whole. The singling out of officers for mention is calculated to leave a rankling wound. What has to be said might well be said in the lodge to the officers, and not em-

bodied in the history of the craft. The mentioning of the nervousness of this or that officer is quite unnecessary, as the feeling is temporary and will soon pass away. The questions are, does the brother know his work, does he rule well, is the lodge prosperous and harmonious?

The Board notices that several D. D. G. M's refer to musical services, and some are anxious for instruction. The necessity for a deliverance upon this subject has not yet arisen. Music displays so important a part in the praise and worship of God that it would seem to be in keeping with the dignity of the Masonic ritual; that is, if it is made an adjunct and does not dominate the ceremony.

The benevolence of Grand Lodge has been satisfactorily liberal and wisely and generously distributed. While lightening the sorrow and making glad the hearts of those at home, the aim of our Masonic charity has been long enough to reach our afflicted brethren in Jamaica.

The amount expended for benevolence by the Grand Lodge was about \$25,655.00. The amount expended by the private lodge for like purposes was about \$14,500.00.

The total expended for this truly Masonic purpose was nearly forty thousand dollars.

In conclusion, your Board congratulates Grand Lodge upon the splendid condition of the Craft, sound growth, good material, absolute harmony and perfect work. Financial prosperity, and above all, loving care for the helpless and the sorrow-laden have been, under the guidance of Almighty God, the characteristics of the Masonry of Ontario during the past year.

Fraternally submitted.

AUBREY WHITE,

Chairman of Committee on Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, beg to report.

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn,
Good and ill together."

If there be one thing more characteristic than another of human life it is its constant and (very often) unexpected

changes. An old Roman writer quaintly compares it to the clouds in the western sky at evening, ever altering their shapes and colors until they "melt gradually into the grey-ness of the everlasting dark and so are gone." But we as Masons, with the eye of Faith fixed on futurity, with the anchor of Hope holding fast even amid the shifting and treacherous sands, sustained by the greatest of all gifts—Charity, we see, even in its saddest moods, an augury of the changeless life which lies beyond. Our Mosaic pavement is indeed its most fitting emblem, for we may to-day tread the flowery meads of prosperity only to totter to-morrow on the uneven paths of weakness, temptation and adversity. Day-light and dark, storm and sunshine, sorrow and joy, prosperity and adversity, aye, life and death themselves, elbow and jostle closely throughout this brief hour of probation which we call life. Yet, round the pavement, our indented border or skirting points everywhere and unchangingly to the star which gleams in the centre, and the dark places are lightened by the bright and morning Star whose rising brought peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. So, in life, after the breakers comes a quiet harbor; after the storm, a calm; after the brief parting of death, the everlasting reunion of eternity.

And the pavement is a true type and symbol of this, our annual convocation. If the eye brightens at the sight of some well-loved face it quickly dims at the recollection of others which never more shall we behold on earth; if the hand stretches eagerly to meet the answering clasp, it is half withdrawn as one thinks sadly of those who but as yesterday held our own in responsive grasp; if, touched with heaven's own light, the heart beats high and warm in presence of those whom the passing years have ever drawn more closely to us, the shadows of grief quickly deepen as we sadly note the changes wrought by one short year and realize all too keenly the absence of those, very near and dear to us, who have paid the great debt of nature and whose places on earth shall know them no more forever.

We see not the lift of the curtain,
Nor hear the invisible door,
As they pass where life's problems uncertain
Will follow and vex them no more.
We linger and weep at the threshold,
The threshold each mortal must pass,
Then we lay a new wreath down upon it
To mark a fresh sorrow and loss.

And our losses, though not so numerous as usual, will be keenly felt. To the relatives and friends of our deceased brethren we extend our deepest sympathy, and with them mourn a common bereavement.

All heirs to some six feet of sod
Are equal in the earth at last;
All children of the same dear God—
Prove title to our heirship vast
By record of a well filled past.

As each loved name in turn is heard let us who knew and valued them recall the genial smile, the warm handclasp, the wise counsel, the unselfish acts of those who have passed in behind the door that never swings outward, and recalling, emulate and copy all that made them dear, forgetting the faults that were the offspring of our common humanity, and paying to each of them the silent homage of thoughts unspoken, of tears unshed.

R. W. Bro. William Roaf has been a well known and valued member of Grand Lodge for many years, and the hundreds of brethren with whom he was brought in contact as Chairman of the Committee on Credentials will bear willing testimony to his unfailing courtesy, his tireless patience, his unselfish disregard of his own comfort where duty called or a brother's interests were concerned.

Grand Lodge will find it difficult to replace R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar. Always obliging and thoughtful, a warm friend, a fair opponent (never an enemy), always ready to draw from his valuable store of experience in order to help a brother, he was a true Mason. His important and arduous duties as Chairman of the Committee on Printing were always performed to the entire satisfaction of Grand Lodge.

In the death of R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, in the flower of his age and manhood, Ontario lost one of her distinguished sons, and Grand Lodge a splendid type of Mason. His public career was brilliant, and as Speaker of the House he was respected and beloved equally by the members of both political parties. In Grand Lodge his value was being rapidly recognized and high honors undoubtedly awaited him. In private life he was a pattern worthy of our example, unassuming, kindly, incapable of anything that was not absolutely true, a devoted husband and father, a loyal and generous member of his church; his was a true type of manhood.

In deep solemnity let us breathe the prayer, "Requiescant in pace."

R. W. Bro. R. T. Ramsay, Harmony Lodge, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Chas. Pettiford, P.D.D.G.M. Wellington District.

R. W. Bro. C. C. Robinson, P. G. R.

V. W. Bro. Wm. F. McMaster, St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.

V. W. Bro. Fred. Rogers, Keystone Lodge, No. 412.

V. W. Bro. John Hall, King Solomon Lodge.

V. W. Bro. John Dunlop, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55.

V. W. Bro. J. Dawson, Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro.

As we hear of each silver cord being loosened, as each golden bowl is broken, another tie that binds us to "this land of bondage and of change" snaps, and another voice calls in loving warning from the great beyond.

True, it is that the sad reality of the past should teach us many a lesson to-day in the freshness of our sorrow at the loss of our brethren, "hid meantime in death's dateless night." The lessons lie clear before us; it is ours to learn.

Are we jealous of our brother, ever ready to think and speak of him the evil rather than the good? Then let us remember

Life is too short to waste
 For critic peep or cynic bark,
 Quarrel or reprimand,
 'Twill soon be dark ;
 Up ! Mind thine own aim, and
 God speed the mark.

Do we live in the present and to ourselves alone ? The
 message rings clear—

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother,
 Where pity dwells the peace of God is there ;
 To worship rightly is to love each other,
 Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

Brethren, what of our own lives ? Are they worthy of
 imitation, or has our example lured some brother by a false
 light to the primrose path that ends in shame ? Let us with-
 out delay set our houses in order, so that no bitter regrets
 may cloud the peaceful ending of our life's brief day. It may
 be nearer than we think, whether thou art now "repoicing
 in the days of thy youth," or, as is the case with not a few
 of us, you are daily watching the shadows lengthen on the
 pathway to the land of rest. We may erect monuments of
 marble, proud triumphs of the sculptor's skill ; time will but
 bring them back to dust again. One thing survives, grander
 and more enduring than aught that human skill or wealth can
 rear—the willing tribute to the untarnished integrity, the en-
 nobling unselfishness of our lives.

And when the time comes, as come it must to each of us
 (how soon God knows), that we are called to leave our home
 of perishable dust, and stand before the presence of the Great
 Architect Himself, though stripped of all and naked, may we
 be unashamed, and may each be able truthfully to say to the
 poor casket that has confined our soul :

Go to thy resting,
 Poor tenement of clay,
 From all thy pain and weakness
 I gladly haste away.
 But still in faith confiding
 To find thee yet again,
 All glorious and immortal,
 Good-bye till then.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. C. MORGAN,

Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by
 R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal
 Dead be received and adopted.

On motion of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to direct the M. W. the Grand Secretary to convey to the relatives of the deceased brethren referred to in the above report the sympathy of the members of Grand Lodge in their affliction.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn gave notice that at the session of Grand Lodge to-morrow he would move:

That in the opinion of Grand Lodge it is deemed advisable that the income from the investments of the Semi-Centennial Fund should be applied from year to year for the purpose for which the said fund has been raised, viz., the augmentation of the amounts granted by Grand Lodge to those beneficiaries who are most in need of additional assistance, therefore be it

Resolved, That the following be added to the Rules on Benevolence, Semi-Centennial Fund:

Rule No. 15. The income from the Semi-Centennial Funds invested and on deposit received on and after 1st June, 1907, shall be available to augment the fund from which the Committee on Benevolence makes the annual grants to the beneficiaries of Grand Lodge, grants made therefrom to be payable in such sums and at such times as the Committee may direct.

Rule No. 16. That the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, may, from any unappropriated residue of said income, make such additional grants as the circumstances call for, in any extreme case which may arise or in any case which may become more urgently needy between meetings of Grand Lodge.

Rule No. 17. That the income from said fund shall be credited to the Revenue Account of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and that the grants made and paid shall be charged to the same account, and that the balance, if any, at the close of each year, shall be carried forward to the credit of the Revenue Account for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, July 18th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10 a. m.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following supplementary report on Benevolence, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report :

That an application has been received on behalf of the National Sanitarium Association for a grant from Grand Lodge for the endowment of a bed or beds in the Hospital for Consumptives at Gravenhurst either for one or more years or in perpetuity.

The Board recognizes the great need of such institutions and the splendid work which has been done in the past, and is still being done, in the Muskoka Sanitorium, for the relief of patients suffering from the devastating ravages of that dread disease.

The Board feels, however, that Grand Lodge has undertaken the relief of distressed brethren and their families by a system that has proved to be of the greatest possible benefit in the past and is being extended to the full limit of the resources of Grand Lodge, and that under these circumstances the grant must be regretfully refused, while at the same expressing the warmest possible feelings of admiration for the charitable work which is being done by the Sanitarium Association.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the supplementary report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following supplementary report on Benevolence, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report :

That the Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, has carefully examined into the condition of beneficiaries to whom grants have been made at this meeting of Grand Lodge, and recommends that supplementary grants be made from the revenue of the Semi-Centennial Fund to eleven brethren and to nine relatives of deceased brethren, amounting to the sum of \$1,080.00.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the supplementary report on Benevolence be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board, to which was referred the annual address of the M. W. the Grand Master for consideration, beg to report as follows :

The Board desire to congratulate M. W. Bro. Burritt at the close of his two-years' services as ruler of the Craft in the Province of Ontario, upon the able and satisfactory manner in which the duties of his high and important office have been performed by him. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by him in conducting the affairs of Grand Lodge proved an incentive, not only to his representatives in the various districts, but to the officers of Grand Lodge, so that the close of the year exhibits unprecedented prosperity, financially and numerically, thereby enabling not only Grand Lodge but the subordinate bodies to contribute freely and amply to the relief of those who are committed to their care.

The Board heartily concurs in the message of sympathy and the timely aid sent by the Grand Master to the distressed brethren of Kingston, Jamaica, and to the wives and families of the brethren who lost their lives in the terrible earthquake which visited the afflicted city.

The Board concurs in the feeling references made by the Grand Master to the deaths of distinguished brethren, not only in our own but in foreign jurisdictions. The loss to the Grand Lodge in the deaths of R. W. Bros. William Roaf, Hon. J. W. St. John and J. S. Dewar is recognized by every member thereof.

The Board approves of the recommendations and appointments made by the Grand Master of representatives at this and sister Grand Lodges.

The Board heartily endorses the remarks of the Grand Master upon the necessity of holding Lodges of Instruction in all our districts. It is confidently hoped that the wishes of the Grand Master in this respect will receive every attention from the District Deputy Grand Masters of the coming year.

The Board approves of the appointments made by the Grand Master to fill vacancies upon the Board of General Purposes.

It is sincerely hoped that the efforts made by the Grand Master to settle old differences raised in the matter of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland, has been crowned with success.

The Board highly approves of the prompt action and successful efforts of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary in bringing about an amendment to the bill to incorporate the Masonic Protective Association of Canada.

The Board gives its approval to the action and recommendations of the Grand Master with reference to the reported action in connection with Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293.

With reference to the reported rulings of the Grand Master during the year, the Board approves of and confirms the following, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16.

The facts regarding the cases referred to in rulings numbered 10, 11, 12 and 13 are assumed to have been clearly placed before the Grand Master, who no doubt applied to such facts the governing test of this Grand Lodge, viz., "a candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of Grand Lodge and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission is a fit subject to become a Mason." The Board does not see fit to make any further pronouncement thereon.

Regarding question No. 17, the Board views the remarks of the Grand Master as merely suggestive, or advice, which are highly commended. The power of subordinate lodges to elect honorary members and the practise in connection therewith is clearly set out in Section 218 of the Constitution.

The Board congratulates the Grand Master on the satisfactory results of his efforts in connection with the deplorable case of Re Stevenson Lodge, Jones vs. Watson, etc., and extends its best wishes for the success and prosperity of Stevenson and Corinthian Lodges.

The Board gives its hearty approval to the remarks of the Grand Master upon canvassing for office. If the brethren will carefully read this portion of the address and take same to heart not only Grand Lodge but the Craft at large will be greatly benefited. The Board recommends to your consideration the advice given on this subject by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray in 1897, viz., cast your vote against instead of for the candidate who thus improperly approaches you. Again you are asked to listen to the voice of Illinois on the subject: "To receive recognition and promotion in Masonry is an honorable ambition, but to obtain it there is but one Masonic method of electioneering, and that is to dis-

charge whatever duty may be assigned to you with fidelity and the very best of one's ability. In this way he will surely command the respect and good will of his brethren whether they are able to find an official place for him or not."

The Board confidently hope that notwithstanding the Grand Master is closing his tenure of office Grand Lodge may have at all times the benefit and advantage of his ripe experience and valuable co-operation in all matters which may aid in the upbuilding of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master can rest assured that the brethren will not forget the painstaking conscientious efforts put forth by him during the long period of his services in the cause of Masonry, and that he carries with him the love and esteem of all the brethren.

Fraternally submitted.

W. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, in accordance with the notice of motion given yesterday, and

Resolved, That in the opinion of Grand Lodge it is deemed advisable that the income from the investments of the Semi-Centennial Fund should be applied from year to year for the purposes for which the said fund has been raised, viz., the augmentation of the amounts granted by Grand Lodge to those beneficiaries who are most in need of additional assistance, therefore be it

Resolved, That the following be added to the Rules on Benevolence :

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Rule No. 15.—The income from the Semi-Centennial Funds invested and on deposit, received on and after 1st June, 1907, shall be available to augment the fund from which the Committee on Benevolence makes the annual grants to the beneficiaries of Grand Lodge, grants made therefrom to be payable in such sums and at such times as the Committee may direct.

Rule No. 16.—That the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, may,

from any unappropriated residue of said income, make such additional grants as the circumstances call for in any extreme case which may arise in any case which may become more urgently needy between meetings of Grand Lodge.

Rule No. 17.—That the income from said fund shall be credited to the Revenue Account of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and that the grants made and paid shall be charged to the same account, and that the balance, if any, at the close of each year, shall be carried forward to the credit of the Revenue Account for the ensuing year.

Grand Lodge was called from labor for one hour, at 10 o'clock.

CALLED ON.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11.45 o'clock a. m.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved, That M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson be elected the Historian of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Ottawa for their kindness and attention to the members during their stay in the Capital.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the actual expenses of the M. W. the Grand Master be paid.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Benj. Allen, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Credentials for their services.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for grand officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes:

V. W. Bro. Forgie, Chairman; W. Bros. Bowlby, Warner, Rowe, Putman, Ghent, Hastings, Houston, Peacock, Miller, Pettit, McLean, Shaver, Ring, Forsythe, Aylesworth, Fenker, Payne, Chamberlain, Coo, Conner, Warren, Reveler, Nichols, Jackson, Jordan, Allan, Parsell, Wedd, Johnston.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

V. W. Bro. J. G. Forgie, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Ottawa, Grand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. P. A. Sommerville, Hamilton, Grand Junior

Warden.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
 M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
 R. W. Bro. R. W. Hull, Eglinton, Grand Registrar.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. C. H. Rich, Streetsville, Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,

Bro. William Dalton, Niagara Falls South, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. Frederick Guest, St. Thomas.
 R. W. Bro. George S. May, Ottawa.
 R. W. Bro. J. Craig Boyd, Sault Ste. Marie.
 R. W. Bro. Albert E. Cooper, London.
 R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, Toronto.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.
 R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, Bowmanville.
 R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. Stewart McWhorter, Petrolea.

and for one year in place of R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master,

R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grimsby.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts, and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

R. W. Bro. Robt. H. Revell, Walkerville.	Erie	Dist. No. 1
" A. Thoman, Arkona.	St. Clair	" 2
" E. E. C. Kelmer, Aylmer.	London	" 3
" H. A. L. White, St. Mary's.	South Huron	" 4
" Thomas Brown, Wroxeter.	North Huron	" 5
" George Stewart, Springfield.	Wilson	" 6

R.W.Bro. J. A. V. Preston, Orangeville..	Wellington	Dist. No. 7
" Herbert S. Griffin, Hamilton ..	Hamilton	" 8
" J. W. Bethune, Stayner. . . .	Georgian	" 9
" George H. Pettit, Welland.. . .	Niagara	" 10
" W. H. Shaw, Toronto	Toronto West	" 11
" W. R. Cavell, Toronto	Toronto East	" 11a
" Wm. Williamson, Beaverton ..	Ontario	" 12
" C. A. Lapp, Brighton.	Pr. Edward	" 13
" Geo. S. Johnston, Forfar	Frontenac	" 14
" E. A. Geiger, Brockville. . . .	St. Lawrence	" 15
" R. W. Kenning, Pembroke.. . .	Ottawa	" 16
" J. H. Perry, Fort William.. . .	Algoma	" 17
" C. W. Hentschell, Haileybury..	Nipissing	" 18
" J. E. Fisher, Huntsville. . . .	Muskoka	" 19
" Duncan Walker, Peterboro. . .	Otonabee	" 20
" John Smith, Treadwell.. . . .	Eastern	" 21

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

V. W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, Toronto,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" James Cheyne, Hamilton,	Grand Junior Deacon.
" James A. Smith, London,	Grand Supt. of Works.
" Walter Rowan, Ottawa,	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
" Thos. H. Spry, Bowmanville,	Asst. Grand Secretary.
" Geo. Johnson, Winchester,	Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Robt. Pye, Thamesville,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" F. P. Warne, Bracebridge,	Grand Organist.
" Bloss P. Corey, Petrolia,	Asst. Grand Organist.
" Richard Roberts, Sault Ste. Marie,	Grand Pursuivant.
" Kenneth Montgomery, Southampton,	Grand Steward.
" G. W. Fluker, Smith's Falls,	Grand Steward.
" Alex. McLaren, St. Catharines,	Grand Steward.
" John Miller, Owen Sound,	Grand Steward.
" F. T. Daville, Aurora,	Grand Steward.
" W. B. Dalton, Kingston,	Grand Steward.
" J. F. Senn, Abingdon,	Grand Steward.
" Walter Renwick, Hespeler,	Grand Steward.
" John Marty, M. D., New Hamburg,	Grand Steward.
" W. J. Sheppard, Toronto Junction,	Grand Steward.
" W. Bellamy, Colborne,	Grand Steward.
" R. G. Baird, Oshawa,	Grand Steward.
" Wm. Floyd, Fort Frances,	Grand Standard Bearer.
" F. H. Down, Woodstock,	Grand Standard Bearer.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Niagara Falls was chosen as the meeting place of the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. M's.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Scrutineers of the Ballot for their arduous services.

TESTIMONIAL TO GRAND MASTER.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That M. W. Bros. W. R. White, E. T. Malone and J. E. Harding be a committee to procure a suitable testimonial to the retiring Grand Master.

The M. W. the Grand Master presented to Grand Lodge Bro. John Sweetman, Grand Tyler of Grand Lodge for the past year, this brother having completed 52 years of service as Tyler of the Ottawa lodges, his age being 80 years. Bro. Sweetman briefly but heartily thanked Grand Lodge for the honor done him.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by W. Bro. Dr. White,

That the Book of Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended by striking out Section 33, page 30, and inserting the following in lieu thereof :

"The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master (who shall be ex officio President of the Board), the District Deputy Grand Masters, the two Grand Wardens and twenty-one other members being Masters or Past Masters of lodges, and who shall be elected by the several districts at the time of the election of the District Deputy Grand Master, so that

the Board of General Purposes will be represented by a Master or Past Master in each district."

The motion was lost.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the members of Grand Lodge desire to respectfully protest against the arrangements made by the Eastern Canadian Passenger Association for the vising of the certificates of delegates at the meeting held in Ottawa on July 17th and 18th, 1907, and that it be an instruction to the Grand Secretary to communicate to the officials of that association the very great inconvenience to which Grand Lodge and its members have been put by reason of the delay to the business of Grand Lodge and the personal discomforts of the members, and to ask that some material improvements in the arrangements be made in the future.

(Note.—The secretary of the Eastern Canadian Passenger Association having been communicated with since the meeting of Grand Lodge, expresses regret at any inconvenience and promises to discuss with the Grand Secretary improvements for vising certificates when arrangements are being made for next year's meeting, with the view of removing all cause for complaint.)

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding,

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson for his able services in the installation of officers of Grand Lodge.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 4 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24,

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended 31st

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	aNiagara	Niagara	W. on or b. f. m.	J. W. Randall....	Sam'l Campbell.
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday..	Oscar W. Daly....	G. W. H. Comer.
5	aSussex	Brockville	3rd Monday...	A. E. Foxton	Geo. K. Dewey ...
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday.....	Geo. Armstrong..	Geo. H. Bull.....
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b. f. m.	C. H. Pettit.....	A. E. Phipps....
9	aUnion.....	Napanee	F. on or b. f. m.	D. A. Vallan.....	Wm. A. Grange ..
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Hy. Hoffmann....	J. Porter.....
11	aMoira	Belleville	W. on or b. f. m.	A. A. Roberts.....	John Newton.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth	1st Monday	Wm. T. Hands....	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's.....	St. Cathar'n's	Tu. on or b. f. m.	A. T. Riddell.....	A. N. Lindsay ..
16	aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday..	Geo. A. Kingston ..	John Pearson ...
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Tu. on or b. f. m.	John G. Nichols...	Robert Buck
18	aPrince Edward..	Pictou	Th. on or b. f. m.	Harry U. Tobey...	R. H. Hubbs....
20	aSt. Johns.....	London	2nd Tuesday..	Hugh McIntosh...	M. D. Dawson....
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b. f. m.	A. N. Cheney.....	F. B. Bowder.....
22	aKing Solomon's...	Toronto	2d Thursday..	Wm. Stinson.....	John Jenuings...
23	Richmond.....	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b. f. m.	Thos. A. Lamon...	H. A. Nicholls...
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	F. on or b. f. m.	F. C. Hagar.....	G. W. Flucker....
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday...	Gra'm Thompson	Jas. G. Shaw
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday..	A. H. C. Long.....	W. J. Robertson..
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday.....	J. A. Yorick.....	Wm. C. Morton...
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville	W. b. f. m.....	P. T. Smith.....	S. H. Guest.....
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b. f. m.	Geo. Drewery.....	B. C. H. Becker..
30	aComposite.....	Whitby	1st Thursday..	J. J. Lynch.....	R. S. Cormack....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowmanville	W. on or b. f. m.	G. C. Bonnycastle	J. S. Moorecraft..
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a. f. m.	J. G. Wittan.....	W. D. Patterson..
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday..	Chas. Garrow.....	Jas. H. Tigert...
34	aThistle.....	Amherstb'rg	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. S. French.....	D. R. Luckham...
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga	Th. on or a. f. m.	E. S. Baxter.....	J. W. Shepherd...
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll	1st Friday.....	J. B. Coleridge...	R. T. Agar
38	aTrent.....	Trenton	Tuesday b. f. m.	A. E. Bywater	R. H. Spencer...
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Fred. Richardson	John J. Moore....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton	3rd Thursday..	J. W. Bell	W. J. McAllister.
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	F. J. Voaden.....	Geo. Rumble.....
42	aSt. George's.....	London	1st Thursday..	Edward Wyatt....	A. Ellis.....
43	King Solomon's...	Woodstock.....	1st Tuesday...	John S. Mackay...	A. McGachie
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	1st Thursday..	Fred. Bond.....	L. Slater.....
45	Brant	Brantford.....	2nd Tuesday..	F. J. Colbeck.....	Geo. Whitwill...
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday...	Geo. Musson, jr...	Alex. Gregory
47	aGreat Western...	Windsor	Th. on or b. f. m.	Wm. N. Gathfield.	Geo. E. White
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Wm. J. Hill	A. H. Watson.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon	F. on or b. f. m.	E. P. Cox	M. D. Arthur.....
52	aDalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday...	J. W. G. Roberts..	H. W. Jackson...
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Hy. C. Bailey.....	L. Richardson...
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b. f. m.	G. R. Putnam	G. B. Magee.....
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday...	Tho. Montg'mery	F. C. Watson.....
57	aHarmony	Barnbrook	W. on or b. f. m.	Matth'w Johnson..	D. G. McIlwraith
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday.....	R. M. Armstrong..	H. O. E. Pratt
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday.....	E. E. Linger	Geo. W. Wilson...
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	W. on or b. f. m.	R. Z. Gibson.....	John Thompson...
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday..	J. A. Hamilton....	A. T. Hudson.....
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday..	J. S. Walker	R. W. Glover.....
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday..	John O'Connor...	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Alex. McLeod	J. K. Allen.....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll	3rd Friday.....	T. H. Ireland.....	S. M. Douglas....
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f. m.	Chas. F. Watt	G. W. Bailey.....
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday..	M. A. Secord	A. J. Oliver.....
73	aSt. James.....	St. Marys	1st Monday...	Arch. Willard	A. Carman.....
74	aSt. James.....	S. Augusta.....	M. nearest f. m.	J. S. Beattie	H. H. Throop....
75	St. John's.....	Toronto	1st Monday...	Geo. W. Grant	John H. Warner..
76	aOxford	Woodstock.....	2d Monday.....	Harry Sykes	Robt. Anderson..
77	aFaithful Breth'n	Lindsay	1st Friday.....	A. L. Campbell....	R. G. Corneil....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsonburg.....	W. on or b. f. m.	T. V. Thompson...	A. E. Raynes.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford	4th Monday...	C. W. W. Evans...	H. E. Watson.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	C. E. Bateman....	Thomas C. West...
82	St. John's.....	Paris	2nd Tuesday...	G. J. Smith.....	P. Buckley.....

1907, AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1907, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Ruined.	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex-pelled.	Re-stored.	Total M'bs	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
2	7	8	6	1	.....	3					73	Dec. '06	\$ 50		\$ 48 25
3	18	15	17	4	3	1	2				179	"			164 50
5	11	12	11	10	3	1	4			1	233	"		\$ 3 00	199 65
6	19	11	9	8	4	7					363	"		21 00	325 50
7	3	4	3	4	1	1	2				96	Jun1906		50	80 50
9	8	11	14	8	2	4				3	121	Dec. '05			64 50
10	12	12	13	4	3	2	5				126	Jun1906			135 00
11	25	23	25	1	3	2				6	214	Dec. '06		1 25	173 75
14	8	7	6	2	5	1	5			1	102	"			93 50
15											110	Jun1906			71 00
16	8	5	7	1	5	2	1				245	Dec. '06			219 00
17	13	12	11	3	2	2					107	Jun1906	10 50		62 75
18	9	9	10	2	1	4	4				245	Dec. '06			169 00
20	10	6	6	3	3	3				1	234	"	3 00		183 75
21a	4	4	7	1	2	1					66	"			55 00
22	16	20	16	3	5	9	2				260	"	3 75		205 75
23	1	1	2	3		1					47	Jun1906	2 75		40 50
24	6	4	6	3	6	1	5			2	141	Dec. '96			100 25
25	13	15	13	3	2	5					267	Jun1906			130 00
26	13	11	8	5	1	2				1	132	Dec. '06			92 37
27	20	18	18	6	3	6					387	"			255 13
28	2	2			2	1	1				52	"			31 25
29	14	10	6		5	1					118	"	1 50		93 25
30	2	3	2	1	2	1				2	72	"		25	52 75
31	4	1	1								90	"	1 50		42 00
32	2	2	2	2							105	"			70 25
33	4	6	4	4	1	3				1	132	Jun1906			100 75
34	14	12	11	1	3						84	Dec. '06	3 00		108 00
35	3	3	3		2					1	66	"	71 00		
37	11	13	12		1	2					129	"			128 25
38	7	11	12		1	1	1			1	112	Jun1906	2 00		114 00
39	4	2	2		1						36	Dec. '06	1 50		28 25
40	17	16	15	5	7	3	9			2	429	"			286 55
41	13	13	9	2	4	2	6				99	"			48 25
42	5	2	2	5	2	1	4			3	131	"	6 00		77 00
43	15	17	12	1	2	1	1			1	156	"			124 00
44	6	4	6			3	4				235	"		2 00	128 75
45	15	16	13	3	3	3	12			2	203	"	3 25		187 00
46	14	12	9	3	4	1	3	1			174	"	1 00		136 00
47	30	24	13	1	3	2	13			6	292	"			225 25
48	9	5	4	1	1	1					128	Jun1906	10 00		96 00
50	3	3	4	1	2						63	Dec. '06	1 00		43 25
52	30	26	24	3		3	3			1	192	Jun1906			174 25
54	2	1	1	1	4					1	41	Dec. '06		2 50	24 25
55			1		2					2	83	"			43 00
56	7	8	8	1	2	1				2	201	"	6 00		126 75
57	1	3	2		6	1	7			1	35	"			27 25
58	17	12	8	2		3	1				169	"			98 25
61	16	18	18	11	2	4	6			3	365	"			260 75
62	3	2	1		1	1					55	"	16 25		33 50
63	6	6	5	1	2	1	6				159	"			109 00
64	8	10	8	3	7	6	7				203	Jun1906			120 25
65	26	20	26	3	2	5				1	323	Dec. '06			269 00
66	8	5	9	1	1					1	29	"			25 50
68	9	3	1				7				89	"			62 00
69	3	6	7		2		3				63	"		3 00	62 75
72	7	4	8		3						136	Jun1906	3 00		70 50
73	1	1	1		1	1					74	Dec. '06	15 50		56 50
74	2	3	3				2				65	"			56 50
75	18	14	17	3	8	9	5			2	288	"			251 50
76	18	16	15	4	4	2				3	167	"			147 50
77	19	16	11	4	2			1		1	170	"			158 50
78	11	8	10	4	4					2	166	Dec. '05	6 50		1 00
79	8	3				2					73	Dec. '06	6 00		41 25
81	10	19	19		2	2	1				90	Jun1906	41 75		66 75
82	2	1	3	4	1		2				64	Dec. '06			55 75

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1907,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy...	F. a.f.m.....	J. H. Argue.....	R. T. Richardson
84	aClinton.....	Clinton.....	F. on or a.f.m.	Nelson Ball.....	H. B. Chant
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	H. M. Moore.....	I. C. Aiguire
86	aWilson.....	To. onto.....	3rd Tuesday..	Jos. S. Simmons.	Thos. Pierdon
87	aMarkham Union.	Markham.....	F. on or b.f.m.	Jas. Malcolm.....	R. J. Corson
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound..	W. on or b.f.m.	E. A. McKay	Jno. M. Campbell
90	aManito.....	Collingwood..	W. on or a.f.m.	W. S. Herrington	R. A. Stephens...
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	F. on or b.f.m.	H. S. Keyes.....	Geo. Keyes.....
92	aCatawaqui.....	Kingston.....	2d Wednesd'y	John Pearson ..	Robt. Hendry ...
93	aNorthern Light.	Kincardine...	1st Wednesd'y	Wm. Hay.....	R. D. Hall
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley..	2d Tuesday....	Geo. H. Jackson.	Walter Mitchell.
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	1st Thursday..	Philip Love	A. J. Wilkes
97	aSharon.....	Que. ensville.	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. T. Power.....	B. F. Pearson ..
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	F. on or a.f.m.	J. A. Slade.....	A. E. Bolton
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket....	2d Wednesd'y	N. L. Rogers	Geo. D. Fortune.
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	2nd Monday....	Ed. F. Vines	F. A. Latshaw ..
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterboro'...	3rd Friday.....	John D. Craig ..	R. P. Watt
103	aMaple Leaf.....	S. Catharines	Last Thursd'y	Rich. G. Varey...	H. J. Johnston ..
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. on or a.f.m.	H. W. Eggman...	G. W. Poldon
105	aSt. Mark's.....	N. Falls S'th.	Tu. on or b.f.m.	H. M. Dart.....	R. Sloggett.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	W. on or b.f.m.	C. H. Rathbun ..	Geo. Armstrong.
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	W. on or b.f.m.	John C. Love.....	H. Poole
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	F. on or a.f.m.	Fred. Vickert....	F. J. Daniel
109	aAlbion.....	Har'owsmith	F. on or b.f.m.	A. Forsyth	J. S. McKim
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	1st Tuesday....	W. H. Logan	J. F. Graham.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford....	W. on or b.f.m.	John Hadden....	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	1st Friday.....	Hy. C. Bailey.....	Thos. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. D. Fairbrother	W. C. Bentley ..
116	aCassia.....	'Thedford....	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. J. Bailey ..	W. Bryant
118	Union.....	Schomberg....	M. on or b.f.m.	M. A. Brandon ..	S. Leatherland...
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. before f. m.	Max Robinson ..	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. T. Hart.....	L. J. Else.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford....	3rd Friday.....	M. McCormack...	J. C. Spence
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	1st Monday....	W. J. Acton	M. McKinnon.....
123	aThe Belleville ..	Belleville....	1st Thursday..	Thos. Stewart ..	David Barragar..
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	1st Wednesd'y	R. J. Webb.....	John Ridley
126	aGolden Rule....	Cam'bellford	Tu. on or b.f.m.	F. C. Bonnycastle	H. F. Skey
127	aFrank.....	Frankford....	M. before f. m.	F. R. Mallory....	W. A. R. Milne ..
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	1st Thursday..	O. G. Copeland..	J. F. Millar, junr.
129	The Rising Sun ..	Aurora.....	1st Friday.....	W. J. Stevenson.	F. Baldwin.....
131	aSt. Lawrence....	Southam'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m.	Wm. Logie	E. J. Mitchell ..
133	aLebanon Forest.	Exeter.....	M. on or b. f. m.	Thos. Fisher	C. H. Sanders ..
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. S. Wilmott ..	John Irving
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville...	Th. on or b.f.m.	L. B. Forsyth ..	J. W. Shankel ..
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. nearest f.m.	John L. Cornwell	F. A. Clarke
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	2nd Tuesday..	T. H. McMurtry.	A. R. McLean
140	aMalabide.....	Aylmer.....	W. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Middleton.	C. T. Burdick ..
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Mobray ..	N. E. Coppin.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg....	F. on or b.f.m.	W. K. Farlinger.	A. W. Massey.....
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois.....	Wednes' b.f.m.	C. E. Cameron ..	A. B. Carman.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	3rd Friday.....	A. H. Monteith...	Chris. McLellan.
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook....	Th. on or b.f.m.	Geo. E. Burnham	David Hampton...
146	aPrince of Wales..	Newburgh....	Wednes' b.f.m.	Ernest Gandier.	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	1st Friday.....	W. H. McCarthy	N. Washburn....
148	aCivil Service....	Ottawa.....	2d Tuesday....	A. T. Phillips....	Thos. Lawson ..
149	aErie.....	Port Dover....	M. on or b.f.m.	R. J. Miller.....	J. R. Davis
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin.....	2d Tuesday....	G. de Kleinhaus.	D. H. Houston ..
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. D. Chapelle..	R. Coghlan
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	M. O'Neil	W. D. Ferguson..
155	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'...	1st Friday.....	John Jeffries....	W. H. Walkey ..
156	aYork.....	N. Toronto....	3rd Friday.....	Robt. Ferguson..	Hy. G. Cooper ..
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. H. Preston ..	Jos. H. Butler ..
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs...	Thursd'y a.f.m.	Geo. W. Short...	W. S. Duggan.....
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond....	1st Tuesday....	Henry Hutton...	Rev. C. Saddingt'n
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth....	Wednes' b.f.m.	Benj. Buchanan.	W. A. Losie.....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	M. on or b.f.m.	R. B. Harris	Thos. Brown

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodges	Initiald	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	7	7	7	2	2	3					109	Dec. '05	\$ 8 00		\$67 60
84	9	3		6	1	1				1	77	Jun1906			52 00
85	6	7	5		1	2				2	65	Dec. '06	1 50		58 50
86	27	18	15			4	4			1	275	"		\$ 20	240 70
87	10	7	5	3	2	1					77	Jun1906	13 00		59 13
88	10	12	9	2	5	3	3			4	119	Dec. '06		1 50	111 50
90	13	6	6			1	6				171	"	6 75		112 50
91	11	8	6	2	3	5				1	101	"			74 00
92	7	6	6	1	1	1				1	167	"			126 00
93	3	6	7	1	1	2				2	96	"			70 25
94	9	7	10	1	2					1	67	"			56 50
96	10	8	11		3	2					178	"			122 85
9	6	10	13			1					72	"		50	82 50
98	3	5	6	1	2	2				1	53	Jun1906			48 25
99	5	3		2	1	1					79	Dec. '06	16 75		63 50
100	7	9	7	1	1	1					128	"			101 75
101	6	7	7	1		3					129	"	1 00		89 00
103	11	8	5	1	3	2					163	"			148 25
104	6	4	6	1	4		1			1	88	"			67 75
105	8	9	5	1	2	1	3			1	120	"			96 75
106	5	4	5	1		3					79	Jun1906	1 00		53 00
107	2	4	4	1	1	1				2	66	Dec. '06	17 25		41 00
108	3	3	1		1						33	"			18 50
109	1	1	5	1	3	1	1				70	"			51 75
110	12	8	8			1	4				105	"			61 00
113	7	8	7		1		1			1	130	"			95 75
114	6	7	8								115	"	3 00		108 00
115	8	6	4	3	2	1					106	"			80 75
116											43	Jun1906		2 00	19 75
118	3	2	2								40	"	14 00		25 25
119	5	6	7		2					1	61	Dec. '06			58 50
120	3	2	2	1	1		1				56	Dec. '05	25		34 75
121	23	25	33	5	2	8	3			1	357	Dec. '06	6 00		368 38
122	5	5	5	1	4	2					117	"			74 75
123	16	18	15	5		2					189	"		1 00	150 50
125	10	8	7	3		1	3			1	118	"			84 75
126	4	7	5		1						55	"	1 50		78 25
127	8	9	10	1		3				4	100	"		10 00	74 25
128	10	9	6	1	2	6	2				142	"		1 00	94 25
129	11	11	15	6	3	1	1			1	89	"	74 00		64 50
131	1	2	2								74	"		2 00	56 25
133	4	5	6	3	4						89	"			74 25
135	3	5	2			1	2				95	"	1 00		67 50
136	4	4	5		3	2					60	"	2 25		49 75
137	8	7	6	2	2	2					109	Jun1906		5 00	96 00
139	4	4	4								82	Dec. '06			70 25
140	9	8	6	1	3	2					113	Jun1906	1 00		69 50
141	4	3	3	2	5	1					55	Dec. '06	1 00		41 50
142	10	8	8	4	12	1				1	63	"	20 75		37 25
143	6	7	6		4	4				1	101	Dec. '05	3 00		68 00
144	19	12	12	13	8	2	2			1	167	Dec. '06			115 75
145	3	2	4		2	1					56	"			36 50
146	5	5	5		1					1	49	"			36 25
147	2	3	4			1					88	"			58 75
148	2	5	4				1				135	"			136 25
149	5	4	3	1	1		3				65	"	3 00		79 50
151	14	11	9	3	1	3					175	Dec. '06	18 00		132 75
153					1	1	1				97	Jun1906	17 00		74 00
154											72	Dec. '05	3 00		2 00
155	10	9	6	3	2	1					204	Dec. '06			117 50
156	6	12	11	2		1					140	"		22 00	176 25
157	4	3	2				4			1	69	Jun1906			57 50
158	4	2									59	Dec. '06			32 50
159	8	5	5		5						75	"	25		58 25
161	1										81	"			56 25
162	2	2	1			1	1				38	"			28 00

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1907,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East.	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	H. H. Post.....	W. W. Fitzgerald
165	aBurlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	J. A. Pettit.....	H. A. Lorimer...
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	W. H. Ptolemy...	R. H. Dewar...
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	D. B. White	John Coulson...
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	H. B. Hutton	John Cook.....
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday...	F. J. Burrows...	L. C. Jackson...
171	aPrince of Wales.	Lawre'ceSt'n	F. on or a.f.m	A. Widdifield...	Jas. C. Lowther.
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Q. Reid.....	J. P. Wylie...
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan...	Th.on or b.f.m	John F. Brock...	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	2d Friday.....	E. C. Wright	H. H. Cairns...
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b.f.m	John Bristow...	W. R. Henderson
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday...	Geo. E. Skinner.	Wm. Weir
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. Hollywood...	Gordon Emery...
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th.on or b.f.m	A. T. Davison...	A. B. McLeod...
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m	C. J. Martindale.	F. W. Brown...
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	A. A. Fraser	John Smith
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	John Brodie	James McMillan
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m	E. R. Eaton.....	J. A. Fowlie.....
193	aScotland	Scotland	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Heal	J. H. M. Vaughan
194	aPetrolea	Petrolea	2d Wednesday	A. A. Dewar	Mathew Smith...
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday...	J. B. McKillop...	E. Maingault...
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday...	W. H. Steele	Jno. Mattson...
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	2d Tuesday...	John W. McIntyre	H. B. Currie...
200	St. Alban's.....	MountForest	F. on or b.f.m	John Hogarth...	R. S. Marshall...
201	aLeeds	Gananoque...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Black.....	R. G. Graham...
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday...	Wm. Robertson.	Edward Burns...
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	R. C. Puddicombe	S. G. Holley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. F. McLaren...	W. N. McGillis...
209a	aSt. John's.....	London	1st Friday...	Chas. H. Firth...	J. H. Keenleyside
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday...	A. L. Conners...	Alex. Buffam...
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday...	Rollie Mullin...	Thos. Lappen...
215	aLake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	Nelson Parliam't	J. I. Coleman...
216	aHarris	Orangeville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	John E. Smith...	D. McPherson...
217	aFrederick	Delbi	M. on or b.f.m	L. E. Wedd	A. W. Crysler...
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday...	J. H. Horswell...	Geo. Wilson
219	aCredit	Georgetown.	F. on or b.f.m	R. K. Brady	R. C. Adams...
220	aZeredatha.....	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Gordon	V. M. Hare
221	aMountain	Thornold	W. on or b.f.m	David Walker...	D. J. C. Munro...
222	aMarmora	Marmora	Monday a.f.m	Jas. A. Lamb	D. E. Bell
223	aNorwood	Norwood	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. H. Harper...	Rv.G.A.M'Len'an
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th.on or b.f.m	John L. Scott...	Jas. Bonthron...
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	J. H. Blackmore.	J. J. Foster.....
228	aPrince Arthur...	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m	W. H. Daugherty	Robert Bennett.
229	aIonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday...	T. H. Shields...	W. H. McFadden
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Friday...	W. J. Hallett...	J. F. Smith.....
231	Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday...	W. L. Joyner...	John F. Stewart.
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	Chas. E. Doyle...	J. M. Blue.....
233	aDoric	Park Hill	T. on or b.f.m	Fred. T. Zapfe...	Wm. J. Semple...
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Alex. Smith	J. H. Dickinson.
235	aAldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	R. B. Grant	H. B. Putnam...
236	aManitoba	Cookstown...	Tu.on or a.f.m	W. Griffith.....	H. I. Ross
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	Orien Bartlett...	S. S. Clutton...
238	aHavelock	Watford	Tues. b. f. m...	S. H. Russell...	David Watt
239	aTweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. Johnstone	James Murray...
242	aMacy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	Fred. H. Mallory	L. F. Blanchard.
243	aSt George	St. George...	Th.on or b.f.m	W. A. Saas	S. J. McLane...
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville.	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. W. Currie...	Robert Pye.....
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday...	A. L. Lyon	E.W.E. Saunders
249	aCaledonian	Midland	M. on or b.f. m	Geo. B. McLean.	Wm. McTavish...
250	aThistle	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	Fred. Bennett...	G. M. Creighton.
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday...	Freeman Waugh	T. D. Minnes...
254	aClifton	Niag. Falls...	1st Thursday...	W. H. Campbell.	Alex. Gray
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden	2d Thursday...	W. L. Bedell...	R. E. Carscallen.
256	aFarran's Point..	Aultsville...	W. on or b.f.m	J. A. Whitlaw...	B. H. Hanes....
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday...	Jas. A. Cowan...	Jas. A. Carrick...
258	Guelph	Guelph	2nd Tuesday...	Geo. Hastings...	R. T. Powell....

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Pass'd.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total Mmb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	7	11	17	1	.....	2	1	.....	.....	1	117	Jun1906	.....	.....	\$107 50
165	9	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	Dec. '06	.....	.....	64 25
166	8	11	10	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	139	"	\$ 5 25	.....	101 25
168	8	5	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	97	"	.....	.....	71 75
169	.....	5	5	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	67	"	\$ 25	.....	48 50
170	5	3	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	89	"	.....	.....	49 75
171	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	44	Jun1906	3 00	.....	23 00
172	1	4	4	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	42	Dec. '06	.....	.....	52 75
174	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	62	"	.....	1 00	47 75
177	16	10	12	3	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....	196	"	.....	.....	129 25
178	3	2	2	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	1	41	"	.....	.....	24 75
180	4	3	3	.....	3	.....	7	.....	.....	1	72	"	1 25	.....	51 00
181	2	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	"	.....	.....	39 75
184	9	6	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	98	"	.....	3 00	91 00
185	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	"	14 00	.....	22 25
186	2	2	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	"	.....	.....	45 75
190	5	4	4	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	"	.....	.....	54 25
192	26	18	21	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165	"	3 00	.....	146 25
193	7	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	"	2 50	.....	60 25
194	2	3	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	"	1 00	.....	69 00
195	5	5	4	2	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	90	Jun1906	8 50	.....	56 00
196	4	4	6	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	103	Dec. '06	.....	25	84 00
197	4	6	7	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	66	"	.....	50	50 50
200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	Jun1906	6 50	.....	35 25
201	12	13	8	3	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	150	Dec. '05	75	.....	117 00
203	7	9	9	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	Dec. '06	.....	.....	61 00
205	2	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	Jun1906	.....	.....	22 25
207	3	3	6	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	Dec. '06	.....	.....	60 25
209a	19	19	15	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	1	297	"	75	.....	260 00
209	2	2	2	.....	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	1 00	63 50
212	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	Jun1906	1 00	.....	20 25
215	3	4	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	Dec. '06	.....	3 00	49 25
216	8	7	5	2	1	5	.....	.....	.....	1	159	Jun1906	.....	4 00	108 00
217	.....	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	Dec. '06	23 75	.....	51 00
218	16	7	4	1	54	2	.....	.....	.....	1	184	"	15 50	.....	131 75
219	1	2	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	Jun1906	7 50	.....	51 00
220	6	4	2	1	6	1	2	.....	.....	.....	76	Dec. '06	.....	6 00	46 25
221	21	16	13	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	122	"	1 00	.....	110 25
222	2	3	4	.....	2	2	5	.....	.....	.....	69	"	.....	.....	58 75
223	13	14	12	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	2	87	"	1 00	.....	103 00
224	6	5	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	"	.....	15 00	76 00
225	3	10	10	3	13	1	.....	.....	.....	1	88	"	.....	.....	87 25
228	5	6	7	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	"	2 25	.....	37 25
229	6	3	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	"	.....	.....	52 00
230	2	1	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	106	Jun1906	.....	.....	71 50
231	11	11	13	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	Dec. '06	.....	.....	133 25
232	4	6	7	5	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	"	.....	4 00	85 75
233	7	7	6	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	61	"	.....	.....	52 70
234	6	6	6	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	"	.....	.....	91 25
235	11	13	13	.....	3	2	3	1	.....	.....	53	"	3 00	.....	49 50
236	3	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	"	2 50	.....	35 75
237	4	4	4	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	55	Jun1906	1 00	.....	40 00
238	3	3	2	1	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	"	.....	.....	46 50
239	19	15	16	1	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	113	"	75 75	.....	78 25
242	11	11	10	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	Dec. '06	.....	1 00	78 50
243	3	4	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	"	.....	3 00	58 50
245	4	4	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	"	.....	.....	34 25
247	17	17	17	3	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	308	Dec. '06	.....	.....	164 75
249	7	4	2	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	1	140	"	.....	.....	119 00
250	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	21	"	.....	.....	23 00
253	11	12	13	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	100	Jun1906	.....	.....	76 75
254	11	14	16	1	.....	4	6	.....	.....	.....	146	"	.....	2 12	134 75
255	4	5	7	.....	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	74	Dec. '06	.....	.....	60 00
256	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	"	22 75	.....	61 50
257	16	13	14	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	"	.....	2 00	148 50
258	12	14	15	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	104	"	2 00	.....	80 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1907,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
259	Springfield.....	Springfield...	M. on or b.f.m	F. N. Gadsby....	M. M. Black.....
260	a Washington.....	Petrolia.....	1st Wednesday	J. C. Waddell.....	B. Dunlop.....
261	a Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	Th. on or b.f.m	J. G. Hossack....	R. Q. Irving.....
262	a Harriston.....	Harriston.....	2d Monday.....	W. A. Glenny.....	Rv. C. Scudamore
263	a Forest.....	Forest.....	W. on or b.f.m	Adam Keat.....	P. W. Campbell.
264	a Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	4th Tuesday...	Robt. McCracken	J. H. Wilson.....
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm. Riddell.....	J. E. Francis.....
266	a Northern Light...	Stayner.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Rev. J. Cobourn..	J. W. Bethune...
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	1st Wednesday	J. W. Draper.....	J. W. Pleves.....
268	a Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon..	F. on or b.f.m	Hy. Hurchmer....	Wm. J. Read.....
269	a Brougham Union	Brougham...	W. on or a.f.m	Geo. N. Fish....	R. E. Forsyth....
270	a Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	4th Tuesday...	E. D. Drew.....	L. K. Murton.....
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	W. on or b.f.m	T. R. Akins.....	Dugald Campbell
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. C. Fortune	James Stewart...
274	a Kent.....	Blenheim.....	2d Monday.....	W. R. Fellows, jr.	John Cocker.....
276	a Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	4th Friday.....	G. H. Baker.....	Jo'n Farquhar's'n
277	a Seymour.....	P. Dalhousie.	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. M. A. Waugh	John Green, sen.
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	W. on or b.f.m	A. H. Jardine.....	John Jardine.....
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	Th. on or b.f.m	J. E. Elliott.....	W. J. French.....
283	a Eureka.....	Belleville.....	W. a. f. m.....	Rich. McCrudden	W. J. Diamond...
284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	P. J. Bishop.....	John Wright.....
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	W. on or a.f.m	R. J. Wallace.....	W. B. Clifton....
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	1st Tuesday...	H. E. W. Tamlyn	J. A. Morton.....
287	a Shuniah.....	Port Arthur..	1st Tuesday...	C. N. Laurie.....	G. G. McNab.....
289	a Doric.....	Lobo.....	Th. on or b.f.m	D. A. Graham.....	P. L. Graham.....
290	a Leamington.....	Leamington..	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. A. Cullen.....	Fred. S. Moss.....
291	a Dufferin.....	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m	Peter B. Newton	Alfred Jones.....
292	a Robertson....	King.....	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. L. Stewart..	A. Carley.....
294	a Moore.....	Courtright..	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm. Brown.....	F. J. Tully.....
295	a Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	1st Tues. e.m.	Wm. Noecker.....	W. H. Smith.....
296	a Temple.....	St. Catharin's	Last Wednes...	H. P. Nicholson..	K. G. Beaton.....
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	F. on or b.f.m	Chas. H. Belt.....	H. L. Clare.....
299	Victoria.....	Centreville..	Th. on or b.f.m	Frank C. Gerow..	Robert Cox.....
300	a Mount Olivet	Thorndale.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. Weston.....	M. N. Wright.....
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas...	3rd Thursday.	Geo. E. Hill.....	Fred. S. Lewis...
303	a Blyth.....	Blyth.....	Tu. on or a.f.m	Wm. Watson.....	J. M. Hamilton...
304	a Minerva.....	Stroud.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	John F. Ardill...	James Black.....
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	Th. on or b.f.m	W. M. Gemmel...	J. K. Keefer.....
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	2d Tuesday...	W. E. Brooker...	James K. Gun...
307	a Arkona.....	Arkona.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Alex. Thoman...	Fred. Nelson.....
309	a Morning Star...	Carlow.....	W. on or b.f.m	Jos. Bell.....	John Varcoe.....
311	a Blackwood.....	Woodbridge..	F. on or b.f.m	Jesse C. Smith...	D. Norton.....
312	a Puyx.....	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	C. H. Houson.....	E. E. Parker.....
313	a Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	1st Tuesday...	H. G. Fitzgerald.	E. R. Tate.....
314	a Blair.....	Palmerston..	F. after f. m...	H. Hyndman, jr.	H. McEwing.....
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	3rd Monday...	Geo. Harrison...	M. B. Mathewson
316	a Doric.....	Toronto.....	3d Thursday...	Carr Simpson...	J. B. Sutherland.
318	a Wilmot.....	Baden.....	F. on or a.f.m	W. Waugh.....	J. A. Butler.....
319	a Hiram.....	Hagersville..	Th. on or b.f.m	Chas. S. Graham	Thos. E. Elliott.
320	a Chesterville...	Chesterville..	M. on or b.f.m	Melvin Durant...	C. F. Robinson..
321	a Walker.....	Acton West..	M. on or b.f.m	F. McIntosh.....	W. Stark.....
322	a North Star.....	Owen Sound..	W. a. f. m.....	Ed. E. Miller....	J. F. McCallum..
323	a Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	W. on or b.f.m	J. E. Warner.....	W. E. Germain...
324	a Temple.....	Hamilton.....	2d Tuesday...	C. E. Burkholder	Thos. Pedler.....
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Neil Colville...	R. Z. Hall.....
326	a Zetland.....	Toronto.....	4th Friday.....	D. G. Sturrock..	J. H. Macabe...
327	The Hammond...	Wardville.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. H. Rennie....	H. A. Wilson.....
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	F. on or b.f.m	F. B. Elliott....	Henry Lowe.....
329	a King Solomon	Jarvis.....	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. Simpson...	H. A. Howoll....
330	a Corinthian.....	London East	1st Tuesday...	James Ferguson.	H. C. Simpson...
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	Th. on or b.f.m	R. E. M. Callum.	A. C. Hutchison.
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	2nd Monday...	Aaron Knechtel.	F. J. Scarff.....
333	a Prince Arthur..	Flesherton...	F. on or b.f.m	W. A. Armstrong	Herbert Smith..
334	a Prince Arthur..	Arthur.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. T. Tindale...	Peter Gregg, jr..
336	a Highgate.....	Highgate.....	F. on or b.f.m	John W. Bailey..	Jas. Caswell...
337	a Myrtle.....	Pt. Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Huffa.....	Samuel Hill.....

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
259	4	4	4		1						42	Dec. '06		\$ 9 00	\$ 37 50
260	3	4	4		1		3			3	108	"			85 00
261	1	1	1								29	Jun1906			24 00
262	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	Dec. '06	.....	.....	39 00
263	3	3	3	.....	4	3	1	.....	.....	.....	75	Jun1906	.....	.....	56 25
264	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	"	.....	9 00	137 50
265	12	3	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	Dec. '06	.....	.....	29 75
266	12	11	8	.....	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	30	"	.....	.....	29 50
267	6	7	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	"	.....	.....	136 00
268	9	5	4	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	"	.....	.....	59 25
269	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	Jun1906	\$34 75	.....	53 25
270	14	13	16	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	"	.....	.....	49 00
271	3	2	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	"	24 00	.....	47 25
272	7	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101	Dec. '06	.....	.....	81 75
273	8	7	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	Jun1906	3 00	.....	111 75
274	4	4	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	Dec. '06	.....	.....	20 25
275	5	5	4	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	2	50	"	.....	.....	33 00
276	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	Jun1906	2 00	.....	47 25
277	4	5	6	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	Dec. '06	.....	6 00	76 25
278	7	5	7	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	4	83	"	.....	.....	56 25
279	3	4	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	68	"	25	.....	55 00
280	3	4	6	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	Jun1906	.....	1 95	68 75
281	8	7	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	85	Dec. '06	.....	.....	69 25
282	19	14	12	5	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	186	"	7 25	.....	237 25
283	4	5	4	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	40	"	50	.....	35 00
284	6	6	7	1	5	1	.....	.....	.....	1	124	"	1 00	.....	105 50
285	14	11	11	.....	1	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	85	Jun1906	.....	.....	80 50
286	4	6	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	Dec. '06	.....	.....	20 75
287	2	2	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	44	Jun1906	.....	25	24 00
288	3	1	2	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	61	"	1 00	.....	67 75
289	9	9	8	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	70	Dec. '06	.....	.....	56 00
290	6	6	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	"	1 00	.....	45 50
291	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	Jun1905	3 50	.....	1 00
292	4	3	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	49	Jun1906	.....	1 00	44 35
293	8	15	15	4	1	4	4	.....	.....	.....	209	Dec. '06	61 25	.....	174 25
294	10	10	5	1	.....	1	11	.....	.....	.....	54	Jun1906	.....	.....	43 00
295	9	11	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	Dec. '06	.....	.....	74 00
296	4	7	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	"	.....	3 00	68 25
297	2	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	"	.....	.....	40 50
298	4	1	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	"	.....	.....	34 00
299	3	2	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	Dec. '05	.....	.....	.....
300	9	8	7	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	Jun1906	.....	.....	15 75
301	2	4	4	.....	5	3	.....	.....	.....	5	92	Dec. '06	.....	.....	71 50
302	7	8	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	"	.....	.....	56 00
303	10	8	8	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	"	4 00	.....	59 75
304	11	11	8	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	.....	48 75
305	34	25	16	5	9	3	.....	2	.....	2	366	"	13 50	.....	377 75
306	1	1	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	Jun1906	25 00	.....	20 00
307	15	12	10	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	52	Dec. '06	1 00	.....	51 25
308	5	5	4	.....	6	15	.....	.....	.....	2	75	"	.....	25	58 50
309	6	4	6	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	55	"	.....	.....	44 25
310	17	17	12	4	7	2	3	.....	.....	2	159	"	.....	.....	122 50
311	5	4	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	Jun1906	1 65	.....	50 62
312	22	23	27	6	5	7	5	.....	.....	1	336	Dec. '06	1 50	.....	226 50
313	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	31	"	.....	.....	17 75
314	45	39	31	11	6	.....	2	.....	.....	1	499	"	5 90	.....	420 85
315	3	3	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	33	Jun1906	30 00	.....	.....
316	2	2	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	32	Dec. '06	.....	.....	21 25
317	7	4	6	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	65	"	.....	.....	54 75
318	12	10	4	1	1	2	3	.....	.....	1	141	"	.....	.....	105 00
319	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	Jun1906	.....	.....	22 25
320	8	7	8	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	1	179	Dec. '06	.....	.....	124 25
321	4	4	3	1	1	1	2				53	Jun1906		5 00	51 60
322	4	3	5	2	4						54	Dec. '06		2 50	47 75
323	2	1	3		3					1	57	"			43 25
324	5	6	6	1	2	2				2	47	"			43 25

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Ross	James R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto.....	1st Tuesday...	J. W. Redford...	F. H. Anderson...
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. R. Bell	J. M. Bowie.....
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	1st Saturday	W. N. Shaver.....	E. C. Tyrell
344	Merrill	Dorch'st rS'n	Th.on or b.f.m	J. A. Morris	W. J. Canning...
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. A. James.....	A. O. Barrow.....
346	aThe Occident.....	Toronto.....	3d Wednesd'y	Jos. Howlett.....	O. C. Wrightman
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday.....	Wm. R. Gow	T.N. Wansbr'ugh
348	aGeorgian.....	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday..	Jas. Letherdale..	W. H. Hewson...
352	aGranite	Parry Sound..	3d Wednesday..	A. J. Whitby.....	D. Macfarlane...
354	Brock	Cannington...	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. Campbell...	Jos. A. Kift.....
356	River Park.....	Streetsville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. Taylor	Rev. C. H. Rich...
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	Walter Forster..	Miles Markle...
358	aDelaware Valley.	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	Fred. J. Rooks...	Wm. Harker
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	A. H. Smith	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge..	1st Tuesday...	F. M. Johnson...	Richard Mills...
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday...	B. S. Summer...	W. E. Cuiten.....
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	R. H. Diehl	Jas. A. McDonald
364	aDuferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	Arth'r Carruth'rs	Geo. J. Hagerty..
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	1st Friday.....	A. G. Saunders...	R. C. Gallaher...
368	aSalem	Brockville ..	2nd Monday...	C. T. Wilkinson..	E. A. Geiger.....
369	aMimico	Lambton M.	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. E. Port	Wm. Black.....
370	Harmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	Hilliard Howard	J. W. Russell.....
371	aPrince of Wales..	Ottawa	4th Friday.....	D. M. Jones	John B. Wright..
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg...	Tu.on or a.f.m	E. J. Jukes.....	J. G. Watts.....
373	aCopestone.....	Welland	1st Thursday..	Alex. Eastman...	Thos. Main.....
374	aKeene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	Jas. McNeil	A. D. Anderson...
375	aLorne	Omeme	1st Thursday..	R. J. Weir	W. J. Thorn.....
376	aUnity	Huntsville...	2d Wednesday	John McLeod...	D. W. Grant.....
377	aLorne	Shelburne...	1st Friday.....	Jas. Higgins	A. V. Galbraith...
378	aKing Solomon's..	London West	2nd Thursday	A. L. Simmie...	Wm. Nicholl.....
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston...	W. on or b.f.m	W. A. Roberts...	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday...	John A. Cottam..	Jos. Ward
382	Doric	Hamilton	3rd Monday...	F. S. Corson	C. V. Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. H. Dunn...	Geo. A. Johnson...
384	aAlpha	Toronto.....	1st Thursday..	H. C. Scully	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m	H. F. Moore.....	W. I. Colwell...
386	aMcColl	West Lorne..	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. Petherick	Wm. A. Becker...
387	aLaudsdowne.....	Landsdowne..	Th.on or b.f.m	W. H. Rath.....	W. J. Nunn
388	Henderson	Hiderton	M. on or b. f. m	Peter Bowey.....	J. H. Robson.....
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta..	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. W. Chapman	R. E. Griggs...
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th.on or b.f.m	J. H. Snary	J. A. Emery
391	aHoward	Ridgetown...	M. on or b.f.m	D. G. Crawford...	W. H. Ellsworth.
392	aHuron	Camlachie ..	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Crawford..	A. Trusler
393	Forest	Chesley	1st Tuesday...	David Eidt	W. T. Ross.....
394	King Solomon	Thamesford..	W. on or b. f. m	Thos. Abbott	J. S. Robinson...
395	Parvaim	Comber	Fri.on or b.f.m	C. L. McDermott	W. A. Keith
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. E. Sutherby...	R. G. Trout.....
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	Duncan Warren...	W. J. Brawnlee...
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m	J. F. Ross, M.D...	John R. Graham
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b. f. m	S. E. Facey	H. W. Yorke.....
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu.on or b. f. m	John R. Buyers...	C. A. Bradbury...
401	aCraig	Deseronto...	1st Tuesday...	Wilbert Wo'de'ck	W. N. Sexsmith..
402	Central	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	T. D. McCreery...	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday.....	A. D. Bowlby...	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne	Tamworth...	F. on or b. f. m	Chas. A. Jones...	Jas. Aylesworth.
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday...	W. G. Dinwoodie	S. C. McDonald..
406	aThe Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W. on or b. f. m	C. W. Burgoyne..	E. Fitzgerald...
408	Murray	Beaverton...	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. W. Ritchie...	Donald McKay...
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday.....	W. W. McPhee...	G. W. Keith
410	aZeta	Toronto.....	4th Friday.....	James G. Cane...	A. E. Faulds.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. D. McLean..	A. S. Winlow.....
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie..	1st Tues. e.m.	T. E. Simpson...	C. M. Buscombe..
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. W. Jacobs.....	H. Callwood...
414	aPequonga.....	Kenora	1st Wednesd'y	Edmund Pinch...	S. C. Sharman...
415	aFort William	Fort William	2d Wednesday	Geo. H. Coe	W. H. Lavery...

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initial'd	Passed	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. P. D.	S U M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total M'mb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
338	7	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	Dec. '06	\$72 25	.....	\$ 41 25
339	28	28	28	1	3	5	5	.....	.....	4	296	"	.....	\$ 2 25	267 00
341	8	9	10	.....	.....	12	.....	1	.....	1	60	"	.....	.....	132 25
343	12	10	11	4	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	251	"	.....	.....	212 00
344	3	3	2	.....	3	1	2	.....	.....	1	37	"	.....	.....	29 75
345	7	7	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	"	.....	.....	27 75
346	9	16	20	12	3	3	3	.....	.....	3	252	Jun1905	.....	.....	222 50
347	4	4	4	1	2	1	4	.....	.....	1	58	"	.....	50	46 75
348	14	12	7	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	"	.....	21 00	81 75
352	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	"	.....	3 00	62 75
354	6	5	4	.....	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	Dec. '06	.....	.....	41 75
356	5	5	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	"	.....	.....	48 50
357	9	8	7	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	95	"	.....	.....	70 50
358	12	10	11	.....	3	1	5	.....	.....	.....	41	"	22 00	.....	74 00
359	3	2	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	48	"	25	.....	33 25
360	5	5	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	70	"	.....	.....	49 50
361	4	9	6	3	4	4	5	.....	.....	.....	129	Jun1906	1 00	.....	63 75
362	6	3	2	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	53	Dec. '06	1 50	.....	39 50
364	4	4	4	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	75	"	1 50	.....	52 50
367	28	28	27	6	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	299	Jun1906	.....	.....	248 75
368	19	19	16	1	1	1	6	.....	.....	3	162	Dec. '06	.....	.....	115 00
369	2	2	2	1	2	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	74	"	.....	.....	66 75
370	3	5	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	64	"	4 00	.....	48 25
371	7	8	7	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	127	"	.....	2 00	130 00
372	3	3	3	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	87	"	.....	.....	53 00
373	14	10	9	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	2	72	"	.....	.....	46 50
374	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	"	.....	9 00	29 75
375	7	7	7	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	"	55 50	.....	.....
376	14	12	13	5	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	106	"	1 50	.....	117 25
377	2	4	5	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	68	"	.....	.....	62 00
378	15	16	20	1	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	121	Jun1906	.....	.....	107 60
379	2	3	3	.....	2	1	2	.....	.....	1	31	Dec. '06	.....	.....	26 00
380	18	16	12	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	3	186	"	.....	.....	156 50
382	24	25	29	5	3	3	8	.....	.....	2	288	"	1 50	.....	267 75
383	4	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	"	.....	.....	93 75
384	28	22	27	1	9	4	7	.....	.....	1	323	"	.....	.....	260 00
385	5	7	5	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	"	.....	1 00	36 50
386	8	4	4	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	"	2 00	.....	79 00
387	6	4	2	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	"	.....	.....	36 75
388	1	1	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	"	.....	.....	65 00
389	6	4	7	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	"	.....	9 00	57 25
390	8	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	36	Jun1906	.....	.....	23 25
391	4	4	3	.....	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....	73	"	.....	.....	29 75
392	7	6	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	Dec. '06	.....	.....	62 00
393	7	8	5	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	"	10 00	.....	48 75
394	4	4	5	1	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	73	"	.....	2 00	68 25
395	4	3	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	54	"	.....	.....	30 50
396	6	8	7	1	7	3	.....	.....	.....	2	109	Jun1906	50 50	.....	2 00
397	4	4	4	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	Dec. '06	1 00	.....	47 50
398	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	Jun1906	.....	1 00	25 75
399	8	8	8	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	34	Dec. '06	.....	.....	17 75
400	10	9	6	1	1	2	4	.....	.....	.....	128	"	.....	50	89 25
401	16	13	11	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	"	.....	.....	70 75
402	9	8	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	"	.....	.....	36 75
403	24	23	24	3	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	230	"	.....	.....	193 00
404	7	5	5	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	Jun1906	2 00	.....	66 00
405	3	5	5	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	Dec. '06	.....	.....	55 50
406	4	5	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	74	"	.....	.....	61 50
408	3	4	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	Jun1906	.....	.....	42 75
409	13	12	16	1	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	80	Dec. '06	.....	2 50	149 75
410	19	16	18	2	7	1	1	.....	.....	1	222	"	4 00	.....	185 75
411	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	226	Jun1905	2 00	.....	.....
412	16	14	11	3	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	248	Dec. '06	1 50	.....	161 50
413	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	Jun1905	.....	.....	.....
414	20	15	11	.....	2	.....	6	.....	.....	4	131	Dec. '06	3 00	.....	151 00
415	16	14	12	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	142	"	.....	50	129 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1907,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. Bryson	C. W. Bullock...
417	aKeewatin	Keewat'n Mls	1st Friday.....	L. D. McCall.....	A. J. Holmes.....
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	2nd Tuesday....	Chas. A. Stewart	D. A. Irvine
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward	2nd Monday....	W.T. Richardson	B. F. George
420	Nipissing	North Bay	2nd Monday....	N. J. McCubbin..	R. L. Dudley
421	aScott	Grand Valley ..	W. on or b.f.m	J. E. McIntyre...	Wm. McIntyre...
422	Star of the East ..	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m	A. D. Graham....	F. J. Shreve
423	aStrong	Sundridge	3d Monday.....	Robt. F. Cook....	Wm. J. Elliott....
424	aDoric	Pickering.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Rev. F. C. Harper	D. E. Pugh
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. W. Stover	Wm. E. Stewart...
426	aStanley	W. Tor. June ..	1st Tuesday....	J. F. McMulkin...	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel	Sudbury	1st Wednesday..	Jos. Fowler	G. A. Montgomery
428	Fidelity	Port Perry.....	F. on or b.f.m	W. S. Short	H. G. Hutcheson
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin.....	Th. on or b.f.m	John W. Miller....	Geo. W. Smith....
430	aAcacia	East Toronto ..	3rd Monday....	Arthur Johnston	L. H. Graham....
431	Moravian	Eden Grove....	F. on or a.f.m	Geo. Sirrs	Wm. J. McKee....
432	aHanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m	F. J. Tizzari	C. H. Withun
433	aMonnechere ..	Eganville.....	2nd Monday....	John C. Gourley..	R. Bannerman...
434	aAlgonquin	Emsdale	Tu. on ora.f.m	Jas. H. Metcalf..	A. W. Freeland...
435	aHavelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m	Henry Pacy	Ward Patterson
436	aBurns	Hepworth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Alex. Reid	J. A. Cruickshank
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	3d Wednesday..	Joss Alexander...	Geo. Wenino.....
438	aHarmony	Toronto	4th Monday....	A. F. Sprott	W. T. Martin
439	aAlexandria	Alexandra	1st Tuesday....	John Robertson..	David Wason
440	Arcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m	E. C. Young	W. S. Munn
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	1st Friday.....	J. R. Gorrell.....	W. M. Ewart
442	aDymont	Thessalon.....	Th on or b.f.m	Thos. E. Williams	Jas. Gascoigne...
443	aPowassan	Powassan.....	2nd Friday.....	Wm. Carmichael	K. R. McClellan..
444	aNitetis	Creemore	Tu. on ora.f.m	W. E. Lawrence...	Geo. E. J. Brown
445	aL'ke of the Woods	Kenora	2nd Wednesday..	W. J. Chapman...	G. M. James
446	aGranite	Fort Frances ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	G. A. Stethem....	F. M. Gibson.....
447	Sturgeon Falls....	Sturgeon Fl's ..	M. on or b.f.m	T. H. Connors....	C. S. Stoddart
448	Xenophon	Wheatley.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. W. Healy	E. Hanson
449	aDundalk	Dundalk	W. on or b.f.m	J. F. Vandusen...	W. G. Pickell
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury....	Thursday b.f.m	Wm. Courtenay..	John Sherman...
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	Th. on or b.f.m	E. A. White	Amos Train
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. H. Winters....	S. Shaver
453	Royal	Ft. William....	1st Wednesday..	D. M. Mitchell...	F. C. Perry
454	aCorona	Burk's Falls....	1st Monday....	J. W. Harris	Geo. H. Silvester
455	Doric	Little Cur'nt ..	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jos. Ellenton.....	G. R. Powell
456	Elma	Monkton	Th. on or b.f.m	A. J. Cundick	A. R. Terry
457	Century.....	Merlin	1st Monday....	E. W. Neal	W. W. Marshall..
458	aWales	Wales	M. on or b.f.m	L. G. Wert	F. Warren
459	aCobden	Cobden	2d Tuesday....	W. H. Cranm....	J. B. Craymer
460	Rideau	Seely's Bay	Th. on or b.f.m	C. C. Gilbert.....	F. M. Dillon
461	aIonic	Rainy River....	1st Thurs. e.m	D. K. McGregor..	Geo. B. Cameron
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard ..	3rd Thursday..	A. V. Summers...	E. Monaghan
463	aNorth Entrance.	Haliburton....	4th Fri. e.m....	Ralph Clark	A. E. Jones
464	King Edward	Sunderland....	Fr. on or b.f.m	E. G. Sutherland	R. J. Shier
465	Carleton	Carp	Fr. on or b.f.m	Geo. H. Groves...	T. E. Argue
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	1st Friday.....	W. H. Sparling...	J. L. Thompson...
467	Tottenham	Tottenham....	Fr. on or b.f.m	James Fraser	R. J. Walkem
468	Peel	Caledon East ..	Fr. on or b.f.m	Jos. D. Proctor..	Jno. W. Phillips..
469	Algoma	St. St. Marie ..	2nd Wedn'sd'y	Thos. D. Ross	P. T. Rowland...
470	Victoria	Vic. Harbor	Th on or b.f.m	I. S. Wardell	R. J. Neilly
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	1st Wed., E.M.	H. McKenzie	Carl A. Herber ..
472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	1st Wed., E.M.	Jos. Johnston	C. C. Platt
473	The Beachers	Balm's Beach ..	2nd Friday.....	John McCurrah..	W. J. Farmery
474	Victoria	Toronto Jun. ..	3rd Tuesday....	J. S. Hill	D. D. Macdonald
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	3rd Saturday..	John Hooper	G. H. Lanigan ..
476	Corinthian	North Gower ..	Fr. on or b.f.m	Clarke Craig	A. E. McCordick..
477	Harding	Woodville	Fr. on ora.f.m	Benj. Stacey	Peter McIntyre...
478	Milverton	Milverton	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. G. Livingst'n	W. J. Zoeger
479	Russell	Russell	W. on or b.f.m	David Wishart...	W. H. Lowrie
480	Williamsburg	N. Wmsburg ..	1st Thursday..	Chas. F. Whittekr	W. C. Whitteker..
481	Corinthian	Toronto	2nd Thursday..	John Stephens ..	C. H. Corton
U.D	Bancroft	Bancroft	Fr. on or b.f.m	John Ballard	J. B. Cleek
U.D	Granton	Granton	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Dann	C. M. Webb

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp't'd	Ret'd.	Total M'bs	Last Return	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
416	4	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	Dec. '06	.....	.....	\$ 22 50
417	2	2	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	"	\$ 6 00	.....	45 75
418	5	6	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	"	2 00	.....	64 50
419	3	2	3	3	1	2	3	.....	.....	1	82	"	.....	.....	52 75
420	14	12	11	3	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	133	"	1 50	.....	120 50
421	7	11	9	2	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	88	"	1 00	.....	79 50
422	...	1	2	2	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	47	Jun1906	.....	2 00	52 75
423	8	8	6	.....	1	.....	5	.....	.....	1	64	Dec. '06	.....	.....	57 75
424	4	5	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	42	Jun1906	16 25	.....	31 00
425	5	5	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	Dec. '06	.....	.....	67 00
426	16	20	17	.....	4	3	5	.....	.....	.....	247	"	.....	.....	188 75
427	12	7	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	157	"	.....	4 00	190 75
428	4	5	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94	"	.....	.....	139 25
429	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	"	.....	.....	35 50
430	2	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	127	"	2 00	.....	154 50
431	5	5	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	"	.....	50	37 50
432	4	4	3	.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	1	46	"	1 50	.....	54 00
433	4	5	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	Jun1906	1 00	.....	15 50
434	10	8	5	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	58	Dec. '05	50	.....	37 25
435	5	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	Dec. '06	.....	.....	101 25
436	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	"	17 50	.....	.....
437	13	12	13	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	147	"	.....	.....	119 25
438	27	22	28	.....	5	7	7	.....	.....	.....	315	"	7 00	.....	330 50
439	7	6	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	"	.....	.....	68 75
440	4	2	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	"	.....	.....	40 25
441	5	4	2	2	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	41	"	.....	25	39 75
442	7	7	5	1	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	78	"	.....	.....	62 50
443	8	7	6	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....	53	"	39 75	.....	.....
444	8	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	"	.....	.....	55 25
445	9	8	9	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	"	.....	.....	35 75
446	4	6	4	7	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	64	"	.....	25	61 50
447	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	Jun1906	1 00	.....	41 25
448	6	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	Dec. '05	1 00	.....	.....
449	2	2	7	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	Dec. '06	.....	50	44 50
450	5	4	6	.....	1	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	54	Jun1906	.....	.....	38 00
451	4	4	8	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	Dec. '06	.....	.....	50 50
452	7	4	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	12 00	84 75
453	7	11	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	Jun1906	.....	.....	109 50
454	6	5	6	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	"	.....	.....	64 25
455	5	8	9	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	Dec. '06	1 00	.....	80 00
456	7	7	7	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	Jun1906	.....	.....	25 75
457	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	"	27 25	.....	70 15
458	4	4	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	Dec. '03	.....	.....	47 25
459	3	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	"	1 00	.....	47 50
460	7	7	6	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	"	.....	1 00	48 75
461	11	12	10	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	"	6 00	.....	80 75
462	22	14	10	7	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	"	2 00	.....	147 00
463	3	3	4	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	34	"	.....	1 00	32 25
464	3	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	Jun1906	5 00	.....	35 50
465	11	10	8	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	Dec. '06	.....	.....	67 50
466	6	9	13	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	"	.....	.....	74 25
467	6	4	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	Jun1906	3 00	.....	39 75
468	8	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	Dec. '06	.....	4 00	50 50
469	6	6	8	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	"	.....	4 00	48 50
470	10	12	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	"	.....	.....	60 75
471	5	5	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	"	3 00	.....	40 25
472	10	5	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	"	.....	1 25	62 00
473	27	15	4	24	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	"	15 00	.....	102 00
474	18	20	20	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	"	.....	.....	114 50
475	21	17	11	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	"	.....	.....	75 75
476	16	15	17	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	"	.....	.....	109 75
477	6	11	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	Jun1906	93 75	.....	.....
478	9	7	5	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	Dec. '06	.....	.....	48 00
479	21	15	14	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	"	.....	.....	56 50
480	6	6	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	"	.....	.....	39 50
481	8	7	8	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	"	.....	.....	3 75
Ban	11	8	5	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	Dec. '06	.....	.....	66 00
Gra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3087 2864 2710 551 738 449 451 7 193 39795												.....	1371 05	251 77	32190 38
Interest .....												.....	.....	.....	4535 76
Miscellaneous .....												.....	.....	.....	633 65

\$37,359 79

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. H. Revell, Walkerville.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 395, Parvaim.....	Comber
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 402, Central.....	Essex
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 448, Xenophon.....	Wheatley
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville	" 457, Century.....	Merlin

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. Thoman, Arkona.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. E. C. Kilmer, Aylmer.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 61, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. A. L. White, St. Marys.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 233, Doric.....	Parkhill
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 309, Morning Star.....	Carlow
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 456, Elma.....	Menkton
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth	" 478, Milverton.....	Milverton
" 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'g	U.D. Granton.....	Granton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. Brown, Wroxeter.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Wiarnton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 436, Burns.....	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. Stewart, Springfield.

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Flattsville.....	Flattsville
" 68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 359, Vittoria.....	Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, Orangeville.

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 297, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
" 237, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. S. Griffin, M. D., Hamilton.

No. 6, The Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Duferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington	" 475, Dundurn.....	Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Bethune, Stayner.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
" 88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 444, Nitetis.....	Creemore
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 449, Dundalk.....	Dundalk
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	" 466, Coronation.....	Elmvalle
" 249, Caledonian.....	Midland	" 467, Tottenham.....	Tottenham
" 266, Northern Light.....	Stayner	" 470, Victoria.....	Victoria Harbor
" 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Pettit, Welland.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....	Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls S.	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 338, Duferin.....	Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....	York	" 471, King Edward VII.....	Chippewa

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (23).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, Toronto.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple	" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 65, Rehoboam.....Toronto	" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto	" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton	" 369, Mimico.....Lambton Mills
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 468, Peel.....Caledon East
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	" 474, Victoria.....Toronto Junction
" 292, Robertson.....King	" 481, Corinthian.....Toronto
" 305, Humber.....Weston	

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 269, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 97, Sharon.....Queensville	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto	" 473, The Beaches.....Balm Beach
" 220, Zeredatha.....Uxbridge	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO 12 (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Williamson, Beaverton.

No. 30, Composite.....Whitby	No. 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 423, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 268, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon	" 463, North Entrance.....Haliburton
" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa	" 464, King Edward.....Sunderland
" 393, Victoria.....Kirkfield	" 477, Harding.....Woodville
" 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO 13. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. A. Lapp, Brighton.

No. 11, Moira.....Belleville	No. 125, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 127, Franck.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 29, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 38, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 283, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	U.D. Bancroft.....Bancroft

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Johnson, Forfar.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 9, Union.....Napane	" 228, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 92, Cataragui.....Kingston	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 404, Lorne.....Tarnworth
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'	" 460, Rideau.....Seeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds.....Gananoque	

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, Brockville.

No. 5, Sussex.....Brockville	No. 110, Central.....Prescott
" 14, True Britons.....Perth	" 242, Macoy.....Malorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	" 368, Salem.....Brockville
" 23, Mount Zion.....Kemptonville	" 370, Harmony.....Delta
" 55, Merrickville.....Merrickville	" 387, Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
" 74, St. James.....Bethel	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....N. Augusta
" 85, Rising Sun.....Athens	" 416, Lyn.....Lyn

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16. (19.)

D.D.G.M.--R. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning, M. D., Pembroke.

No. 52, Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 209, Evergreen.....Lanark
" 58, Doric.....Ottawa	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa
" 63, St. John's...Carleton Place	" 264, Chaudiere.....Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....Renfrew	" 371, Prince of Wales.....Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....Pembroke	" 433, Bonnechere.....Eganville
" 147, Mississippi.....Almonte	" 459, Cobden.....Cobden
" 148, Civil Service.....Ottawa	" 465, Carleton.....Carp
" 159, Goodwood.....Richmond	" 476, Corinthian.....North Gower
" 177, The Builders.....Ottawa	" 479, Russell.....Russell
" 196, Madawaska.....Arnprior	

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.--R. W. Bro. J. H. Perry, Fort William.

No. 287, Shuniah.....Port Arthur	No. 445, Lake of the Woods.....Kenora
" 414, Pequonga.....Kenora	" 446, Granite.....Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William...Fort William	" 453, Royal.....Fort William
" 417, Keewatin.....Keewatin	" 461, Ionic.....Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18. (10.)

D.D.G.M.--R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentsdchel, M. D., Haileybury.

No. 405, Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 447, Sturgeon F'lls, Sturgeon F'lls
" 412, Keystone...Sault Ste. Marie	" 455, Doric.....Little Current
" 420, Nipissing.....North Bay	" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard
" 427, Nickel.....Sudbury	" 469, Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie
" 442, Dymont.....Ther salon	" 472, Gore Bay.....Gore Bay

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, No. 19. (8.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. J. E. Fisher, Huntsville.

No. 352, Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....Emsdale
" 376, Unity.....Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule...Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona.....Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, No. 20. (13.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Duncan Walker, Peterborough.

No. 25, Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi.....Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....Keene
" 114, Hope.....Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....Omeme
" 145, J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....Havelock
" 155, Peterborough..Peterborough	

EASTERN DISTRICT, No. 21. (15.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. John Smith, Treadwell.

No. 21a, St. John's.....Vankleek Hill	No. 383, Henderson..West Winchester
" 125, Cornwall.....Cornwall	" 418, Maxville.....Maxville
" 142, Excelsior.....Morrisburg	" 439, Alexandria.....Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers...Iroquois	" 450, Hawkesbury...Hawkesbury
" 186, Plantagenet.....Plantagenet	" 452, Avonmore.....Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster.....Lancaster	" 458, Wales.....Wales
" 256, Farran's Point.....Aultsville	" 480, Williamsburg..N.W'msburg
" 320, Chesterville.....Chesterville	

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	24 Lodges.
St. Clair	" 2.....	20 "
London	" 3.....	26 "
South Huron	" 4.....	18 "
North Huron	" 5.....	19 "
Wilson	" 6.....	21 "
Wellington	" 7.....	21 "
Hamilton	" 8.....	22 "
Georgian	" 9.....	23 "
Niagara	" 10.....	52 "
Toronto West	" 11.....	23 "
Toronto East	" 11a.....	21 "
Ontario	" 12.....	15 "
Prince Edward	" 13.....	20 "
Frontenac	" 14.....	15 "
St. Lawrence	" 15.....	14 "
Ottawa	" 16.....	19 "
Algoma	" 17.....	8 "
Nipissing	" 18.....	10 "
Muskoka	" 19.....	8 "
Otonabee	" 20.....	13 "
Eastern	" 21.....	15 "

SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D., 1906-7.

No. 3—J. H. Breck, Wilton Duff. 5—E. McDougall, Wm. Wood, R. J. Munson, W. S. Ormston. 7—W. H. Trembly, M. O. Nelson. 10—Wm. Deacon, Wm. R. Dawson, H. W. Pursel, Spencer Sebring, Richard Hill. 14—T. Burry, Wm. Dixon, A. V. Grant, Wm. Young, Thos. A. Moon. 16—S. C. Graham. 18—W. M. Ackerman, E. Clark, N. T. Kingsley, John S. Williams. 22—C. E. O'Brien, R. C. Lees. 24—D. Alport, A. A. S. Burns, H. W. Dickson, John Thompson, W. H. McDonald. 28—J. Puttenham. 38—Wm. M. Ireland. 40—Chas. Pear-sall, W. Anderson, W. H. Childs, J. D. Evans, A. B. Gallagher, R. Hall, J. D. Hamilton, J. McKean, E. D. Ross, T. M. Gris-wold. 41—Daniel Ryal, E. A. McLeod, A. E. Malott, R. D. Mont-rose, A. B. Herring. 42—J. M. McIntosh, W. D. Willis, J. W. Presley, J. W. Knight. 43—A. O. Legrand. 44—George Beattie, J. Gilbert, R. Beattie, L. W. Morrison. 45—K. M. Willson, F. Baker, G. W. Kerby, C. H. Dunn, A. Lindsay, A. E. Mann, F. Smith, L. Huffman, C. Taylor, A. T. Watson, J. Slingsby, W. E. J. Taylor. 46—W. H. O'Neill, E. C. Work-man, W. C. Coupland. 47—I. P. McConnell, T. Robinson, Henry Walker, M. F. Chancy, Chas. McConnell, A. R. Ander-son, Jas. Leggett, C. T. Mezger, W. Shwell, D. F. Spaulding, A. J. Schwell, W. D. Trigger, Wm. Parker. 52—Thos. G. Brig-ham, Geo. Ross, F. N. Johnson. 57—Jas. Barclay, D. Green-hill, O. D. Adams, John Neil, Henry Bolston, Geo. Lang, N. S. Cornell. 58—C. Kuhl. 61—G. G. Anderson, G. W. Brabent, F. W. Martin, N. T. McNair, A. H. Ross, D. Robinson. 63—J. C. Simpson, R. Moore, R. McNair, J. R. Poff, F. Taskey, W. R. Simpson. 64—C. Laurie, H. Warner, E. F. Sifton, W. E. A. Best, A. K. Ferguson, A. E. Roote, J. F. Faults. 68—J. B. Jackson, A. Smith, Geo. Duncan, W. Williamson, S. Ditchfield, J. H. Hegler, F. H. Brooks. 69—Jas. Whitten, S. S. Ashle, J. G. Mills. 74—W. H. Simpson, J. H. C. Todd. 75—S. A. Bur-nett, Thos. D. Hughes, J. W. C. Blair, W. L. Reid, J. E. Liver-more. 81—W. H. Smith. 82—J. H. Clegg, R. Brooke. 86—A. C. Blythe, J. L. Blodgett, A. H. Bottomley, Adam Dackray. 88—J. N. Maughan, C. A. Ward, J. E. Bradley. 90—N. J. Cole, F. C. Fowler, A. B. Pratt, K. Campbell, J. Skelton, A. E. Web-ster. 104—E. C. Crooke. 105—Jas. Willox, J. G. Robertson, F. LeBlond. 109—T. W. Guess. 110—J. S. Bass, Jas. Turn-bull, Wm. H. Mossman, J. D. Mills. 113—A. Gowling. 120—C. E. Edmonds. 121—F. S. Brennan, F. W. Elder, A. Ander-son. 125—F. J. Abbott, A. A. McDonald, R. J. Craig. 128—Geo. Fraser, H. Madge. 129—T. M. Blackstock. 135—H. Henderson, A. Coffee. 137—Chas. Loucks, John McRae. 144—Thos. R. Irwin, S. H. Weir. 148—F. A. Moore. 149—Thos. Steinhoff, J. B. Firks, G. F. Allan. 151—J. R. Craig, Geo. J. Schueller, T. E. Haines. 153—T. Bonistell. 157—John Blair, S. Knapp, E. M. Roland, Wm. Dier. 162—J. H. Lowery. 165—J. G. Aikman. 169—Joseph Keim. 171—Dan Spring, L. McTavish. 172—R. J. Stevenson. 177—W. A. Andrew, P. M. Craigie, W. T. Johnston, N. B. Spencer. 180—G. Butcher, E. Menzie, Wm. Bolton, T. A. Forster, Joshua Kribbs, G. L. Wilson, Thos. N. White. 195—E. V. Brown, Geo. T.

Brown, W. R. Lindsay, W. Corbin. 196—Jas. Taylor. 197—E. A. Schwalm. 201—A. E. H. Braithwait. 209—N. C. Lloyd, D. McL. Ross. 220—Wm. H. Moore, Wm. J. Underwood. 222—D. Mitchell, H. Loucks, R. Mitchell, R. Snell, Jas. F. Linn. 223—C. H. Wissler. 231—J. H. Buckham. 233—Neil McIntyre. 235—Peter Munn, D. McKinnon, D. J. McEwing. 237—W. R. Yokom. 239—S. J. Millstead, R. Bryden, D. Sedgwick, Chas. Sedgwick, R. E. Jones. 247—John A. Ross. 249—W. A. Tack, D. S. Storey. 250—A. Bain, R. Marshall, R. Mathison, R. McLeod, R. A. Duncan, A. McKay, B. A. Smith, J. Swanson, S. S. Willison, A. M. Murray, John Youngs, N. Beaton. 253—Wm. McLeod, John L. Thorne. 254—S. P. McMerdie, Geo. E. Foster, C. S. Manchester, R. Haliday, Geo. Robt. Brown, L. F. Horrop. 255—J. Lawrence. 258—J. R. McDowell. 260—Joseph Belasco, F. Arderly, Alex. Gray. 263—J. C. B. Kernohan. 266—A. T. Briggs, W. J. Train. 277—C. A. Wilson. 289—C. M. Simmons. 291—A. Lowery, H. B. Nichols, J. Blowey, R. Hirst, John F. Eagle, Wm. S. Wagner, J. J. Morden. 295—M. G. Woodman, J. Gregory. 296—E. J. McIntyre. 300—Francis Since. 302—John Hutchison, M. D. McCrimmon, W. F. Hepburn, W. J. Folland. 303—A. W. Belfry, H. W. Kelly, W. Montgomery, J. H. McCoul, S. Irwin, Thos. Agnew, W. W. Kelly, H. James, J. E. Bennett, G. Hickingbottom, D. T. Smith. 320—John Bogart, H. Bingham, L. E. Bradley, E. W. Forward, Wm. Gillespie, A. G. Gillies, T. O. Keys, Wm. McKay, F. McNaughton, A. D. McIntyre, D. H. Rhodes, R. Stevens, R. Keys, Wm. McLeod, Jos. Young. 322—Wm. McClarty, Chas. R. Kenny, Jas. Black. 324—A. C. Walls, R. M. Hamilton, S. G. Dunn, J. T. Littlewood, Wm. Mitchell. 326—H. B. Carter, W. A. Berwick. 328—Jas. S. Graham. 330—Isaac Arscott, Henry E. S. George, R. A. Cromwell. 333—Archibald Gibson, E. P. Lawrence. 339—James Frame, W. H. Brown, W. J. H. Danbrooke, H. A. Dancy, W. W. Moss. 344—J. K. Creighton, Wm. Vannatter. 346—Thos. Greer, Wm. Moffat, F. Smith. 247—Alex. Wyness, Wm. Watt, C. C. McIntosh, Wm. Stewart. 358—M. F. Forsyth, Joseph Steinhoff, M. P. Scott, W. A. Guest, Samuel Lewis. 360—Thos. S. Taylor. 361—Wm. Copp, H. A. Croxall, R. Howie, W. Hunter, Wm. Roach. 363—James Sharp. 364—J. J. Wrenn. 367—H. E. Thatcher, A. J. Peppiatt. 268—H. J. Robinson, L. Patton, E. B. Moles, J. S. Stewart, Thos. Tompkins, Jas. Morris. 369—John Gartshore, E. O. Winters, Wm. Blea, John Bryans, A. F. Thompson, Wm. Penny. 372—Wm. Wood. 376—N. Langford, C. Peacock. 378—F. H. Jones, H. Pigott, W. A. Grant, P. E. McKay, W. R. Campbell. 379—T. B. Goulding, L. Powel. 382—H. Cameron, J. F. Good, F. Sterritt, J. D. Hamilton, A. E. Cuthbush, E. P. Davies, C. F. Flynn, Morri's Lavin. 384—Jas. Hayes, Henry Snow, Henry J. Reid, W. S. Barker, J. H. Titus, J. H. Jamieson, John Brooks. 391—J. W. Smith, J. A. Baker, G. Hagaman, F. S. Raeber. 394—M. Day, J. Kennedy, Geo. Weston. 396—C. T. Jermyn, S. Acheson. 400—Jas. L. White, H. T. Bodkin, D. Kennedy, G. J. Sumner. 403—R. F. Golden, M. O'Doherty. 409—H. E. Young, J. C. Rooney, Wm. H. Brown, John Pyburn. 410—F. S. McFarland. 414—A. Mowat, A. Mogrund, A. S. Cuthbert, Geo. W.

Smith, C. J. Shipton, W. J. Adams. 419—Wm. Holmes, Wm. McIntyre, T. K. Shaw. 422—Geo. Johns, Jas. W. Adkin, Alex. Catto, W. Sussex. 423—S. Orchard, C. Burnes, Jas. McDonald, Robt. W. Seely, Geo. Middleton. 426—Geo. A. Greig, P. G. Russell, C. B. Borland, W. J. Brown, G. W. Raiser. 432—A. J. Cressman, Wm. Bernie. 438—P. Coward, T. W. Dudgeon, J. F. K. Nobert, J. W. Stevenson, A. Cornwall, W. H. Harper, W. Wilson. 442—C. W. Walker, F. B. Smyth, J. H. Cummings, D. Young, S. L. Wright. 443—Jas. Jenkins, J. D. Burns, H. T. Burton, C. H. Buckland, W. R. Austin. 446—D. Mosher. 450—S. J. Hunt, H. H. Curtis, R. L. Blackburn, J. C. Murray, J. H. Thompson, A. E. Harvey. 463—Richard Smith.

SUSPENSIONS, U. M. C., 1906-7.

46—W. J. Kenny. 77—Jas. W. Cinnamon. 235—H. McArthur. 316—H. E. Griffith, J. Esper. 341—John Wilmont Myles. 390—Thos. L. Armstrong.

DEATHS, 1906-7.

2—J. G. Rousseau, 24 March, '07 ; F. O. Best, 18 April, '07 ; John Simpson, 17 June, '07. 3—Wm. Stewart, 8 October, '06. 5—Geo. McLean, 16 March, '07. 6—G. E. Broadfield, 8 December, '06 ; Wm. Griffith, 6 October, '06 ; S. A. Findlay, 4 January, '07 ; J. E. O'Reilly, 28 February, '07 ; J. H. Havill, 9 March, '07 ; Jas. McIntosh, 5 April, '07 ; Jas. Hinchcliff, 9 April, '07. 7—I. N. Boyes. 9—R. M. Brisco, 13 January, '06 ; M. Joy, 1 February, '06 ; Robt. Boyes, 2 April, '07 ; James R. Fraser, 4 January, '07. 10—J. Brook, 26 October, '06 ; Thos. McCall, 7 May, '07. 11—W. J. McCamon, 6 July, '06 ; Isaiah Huffman, 17 March, '07. 14—W. J. Morris, 5 March, '07. 16—A. D. McCulloch, 26 June, '06 ; J. T. Slater, 25 Nov., '06. 17—John Boyd, 7 Dec., '06 ; W. L. Stewart, 27 May, '07. 18—W. H. Solmes, 16 Aug., '06 ; J. Mottashed, 16 Oct., '06 ; James Gough, 21 Oct., '06 ; B. F. Blakely, 13 April, '07. 20—Thos. Hilliard, 18 Sept., '06 ; R. Geary, 3 Nov., '06 ; A. Murray, 13 Dec., '06. 21a—Duncan Morrison, 22 Feb., '07. 22—Jonah Bliss, 8 Sept., '06 ; E. Westman, 1 Nov., '06 ; D. Secor, 5 Feb., '07 ; Geo. Hughes, 7 Feb., '07 ; Jas. Spooner, 9 March, '07 ; J. R. Gibson, 27 Feb., '07 ; P. Oronhyatekha, 3 March, '07 ; A. Macdonald, 2 April, '07 ; John Hall, 16 May, '07. 23—Henry F. Hopper, 15 Oct., '06. 24—D. McGregor, 9 March, '07. 25—W. Barwick, 1 July, '06 ; Wm. Tassie, 1 Aug., '06 ; Wm. Roaf, 30 March, '07 ; Arthur Burdette, 25 Feb., '07 ; C. C. L. Cameron, 9 April, '07. 26—Samuel S. Reed, 29 Dec., '06 ; J. D. McLennan, 20 April, '07. 27—Wm. Magee, 21 Aug., '06 ; D. McMurtrie, 11 Nov., '06 ; A. Creelman, 27 Aug., '06 ; Wm. Magee, Jr., 19 March, '07 ; Geo. McKeand, 9 Jan., '07 ; S. M. Russell, 10 March, '07. 28—Abram Acton, 12 Nov., '06. 30—Jeremiah Lick, 4 Aug., '06. 33—Jas. Clark, 28 Nov., '06 ; A. Kirkbride, 6 Jan., '07 ; Chas. A. Humber, 16 March, '07. 37—J. P. Boles, 26 July, '06 ; L. Thompson, 6 Dec., '06. 38—J. C. Wilkins, 3 Sept., '06. 40—Jas. H. Smith, 17 Aug., '06 ; James Mitchell, 23 Nov., '06 ; James Wade, 29 Jan., '07. 41—A. H.

King, 18 March, '06 ; G. A. Grenville, 10 April, '06. 42—J. W. Knight, 10 Aug., '06. 43—Thos. Scott, 22 July, '06. 44—H. A. Ferguson, 2 July, '06 ; T. H. Stone, 4 Nov., '06 ; A. Clark, 7 Oct., '06. 45—W. J. Taylor, 9 Aug., '06 ; D. Dempster, 7 April, '07 ; R. H. Squire, 9 Feb., '07. 46—Jas. Marquand, 21 Sept., '06. 47—W. E. Coleman, 20 Sept., '06 ; H. H. Barnes, 27 April, '07. 48—N. A. McDiarmid. 52—R. H. Conley, 2 June, '07 ; Wm. C. Gordon, 3 Jan., '07 ; Jos. Masson, 3 March, '07. 55—D. C. Mosher, 1 April, '07 ; John Dunlop, 14 April, '07. 56—R. S. Oliver, 4 Oct., '06. 57—J. F. Lowden, 11 Dec., '06. 58—A. P. Imlay, Dec., '06 ; J. H. Doherty, 24 Jan., '07 ; Jas. G. Lyon, 31 May, '07. 61—Robt. Wilson, 7 Jan., '06 ; C. G. Kelly, 9 July, '06 ; R. B. Morrison, 16 March, '07 ; John H. Stone, 26 March, '07. 62—E. T. Hind, 7 Sept., '06. 63—Frank Donald, 5 July, '06. 64—H. Brodie, 3 March, '06 ; E. Barwell, 23 March, '07 ; John Mullin, 19 Oct., '06 ; G. A. McBeth, 17 Feb., '07 ; W. H. Galbraith, 30 Aug., '06 ; F. B. Talbot, 24 Oct., '06. 65—Robt. Cureston, 5 Nov., '06 ; Wm. Pudifin, 12 March, '07 ; Wm. A. Guile, 21 March, '07 ; R. Blunden, 25 Dec., '05 ; James Clemett, 28 March, '07. 73—Jas. A. Donald, 17 Sept., '06. 75—T. E. P. Trow, 19 Sept., '06 ; W. T. Jennings, 24 Oct., '06 ; Samuel Thompson, 10 Nov., '06 ; H. Monjean, 13 Jan., '07 ; J. W. Hackett, 25 Jan., '07 ; John A. Mar, 25 March, '07 ; Jas. H. Addison, 24 April, '07 ; J. T. Ramsay, 9 June, '07 ; S. H. Defries, 13 June, '07. 76—Jas. Rippin, 26 June, '06 ; D. B. Tasker, 16 May, '07. 79—J. C. G. Lawson, 29 Nov., '06 ; W. H. Porter, 20 Jan., '07. 81—H. Badge, 19 Aug., '06 ; S. Cartner, 20 Nov., '06. 83—Thos. Kidd, 25 March, '06 ; R. Bell, 15 April, '06 ; F. Harrison, 3 Dec., '06. 84—O. S. Doan, 1 Feb., '07. 85—J. B. Lillie ; T. H. Percival, 14 May, '07. 86—H. M. Poulton, 10 Aug., '06 ; Jas. McBean, 3 Aug., '06 ; E. J. Watkins, 20 Jan., '07 ; F. McW. Stitt, 11 March, '07. 87—Thos. Hood, 5 Dec., '06. 88—D. Campbell, 2 Dec., '06 ; Thos. Randle, 10 Jan., '07 ; Geo. McDougal, 6 June, '07. 90—F. L. McNab, 1 Aug., '06. 91—Chas. H. Craig, 5 March, '06 ; S. J. Tucker, 2 Sept., '06 ; J. H. Minaker, 26 Nov., '06 ; Jos. Priory, 8 Dec., '06 ; M. Tuttle, 7 Feb., '07. 92—Geo. Zeigler. 93—P. Flett, 28 June, '06 ; O. Jennings, 24 July, '06. 96—J. Anderton, 25 June, '06 ; A. B. McPhee, 20 Aug., '06. 97—M. Doan, 20 Oct., '06. 98—Jas. Bryan, 17 April, '07 ; H. R. Elliott, 20 Jan., '07. 99—Thos. Brown, 2 March, '07. 100—E. C. H. Gwyn, 4 March, '07. 101—E. T. Hammett ; A. J. Belcher ; A. Dawson, 17 Jan., '07. 103—Jas. Hamilton, 12 Oct., '06 ; Geo. W. Cole, 2 Feb., '07. 105—P. S. Clark, 31 Jan., '07. 106—W. H. Howard, 13 July, '06 ; Wm. Clement, 22 Dec., '06 ; R. M. Fairchild, 1 June, '07. 107—Chas. Scott, 10 May, '07 ; 109—John W. Bertram, 17 June, '07. 110—W. G. Mossman, 7 Feb., '07. 115—Chas. Adams, 20 June, '07. 121—W. G. Killmaster, 4 Aug., '06 ; J. Wells, 24 Sept., '06 ; G. W. Montgomery, 27 Dec., '06 ; R. D. Park, 10 April, 1890 ; W. Smith, 15 May, 1874 ; Wm. Leys, 22 Sept., '04 ; W. S. Swain, 26 March, '04 ; Thos. Simmons, 30 Jan., 1899. 122—John Smith, 6 July, '06 ; J. A. Gurney, 5 April, '07. 123—Geo. Sargent, 3 Nov., '06 ; W. D. Chisholm, 23 Oct., '06. 125—R. R. McLennan, 10 March, '07. 127—A. S. Smith, 30 July, '06 ; C. W. Clark, 24 Feb., '07 ; O. Sills, 13 March, '07. 128—

Geo. Surtees, 8 Nov., '06 ; Wm. Moffat, 17 Dec., '06 ; D. Price, Jas. P. Moffat, 14 March, '07 ; Wm. Hogarth, 27 March, '07 ; J. A. Libby, 30 March, '07. 129—C. H. Stone, 1 July, '06. 135—John T. Elliott, 6 July, '06. 136—Wm. Reynolds, 12 March, '07 ; Peter Oronhyatekha, 2 March, '07. 140—John Teller, 27 Aug., '06 ; N. Chambers, 6 Sept., '06. 141—Wm. McKenzie, 15 July, '06. 142—F. F. Plantz, 4 Oct., '06. 143—S. H. Haycock, 28 Jan., '06 ; D. A. Macdonel, 11 April, '06 ; M. Stamp, 25 March, '07 ; G. R. Sipes, 19 June, '06. 144—O. E. Stalker, 13 July, '06 ; J. B. Meyer, 26 April, '07. 145—H. McCartney, 19 Jan., '07. 147—L. J. Coulter, 18 Dec., '06. 151—Geo. Deppisch, 7 Sept., '06. 153—Jos. McIntyre, 25 March, '07. 155—Wallis Lambert, 29 Nov., '06. 156—Richard J. Bulmer, 19 May, '07. 162—Richard Ross, 10 March, '06 ; Thos. Duston, 4 Feb., '07 ; John Kuntson, 27 May, '07. 164—Chas. Taylor, Jr., 9 March, '07 ; J. E. Laurence, 24 March, '07. 166—Canby A. Clark, 5 Nov., '06. 168—Jas. McLaughlin, 18 November, '06 ; Geo. Stalker, 25 Feb., '07 ; Wm. Anderson, 14 May, '07. 169—Alfred Bonny, 26 May, '07 ; D. W. McKay, 8 June, '07. 170—Norman McLeod, 30 Nov., '06. 177—Henry Nelson, 22 Oct., '06 ; W. H. Bullen, 21 Nov., '06 ; L. E. Beaven, 16 March, '07. 178—T. B. Puddicombe, 12 Sept., '06 ; R. J. Kennedy, 22 Sept., '06. 184—Harry Days, 23 Aug., '06. 194—Geo. Sandson, 29 March, '07. 205—C. C. Hall, 4 Sept., '06 ; W. B. Puddicombe, 12 Sept., '06. 207—John D. McArthur, 27 Oct., '06. 209a—J. S. Dewar, 16 Sept., '06 ; Geo. W. Hilton, 2 Feb., '07 ; Jas. Gordon Angus, 14 May, '07. 209—W. C. De-long, 9 Nov., '06. 215—R. Brickman, 1 July, '06. 216—John Witter, 12 Jan., '07 ; Henry J. Bagnell, 4 Dec., '05 ; D. Coleman, 26 Feb., '07 ; R. Shields, 18 Oct., '06 ; Robt. Beatty, 16 June, '07. 217—Henry Helliker, 28 April, '07. 218—Edward Egan, Nov., '06 ; W. A. Black, 6 Feb., '07. 219—Thos. Clark, 3 Dec., '06. 220—W. F. Eastwood, 17 Sept., '06. 221—Jas. Upper, 8 Aug., '06 ; Geo. Calcott, 22 May, '07. 222—G. MacWilliams, 26 Aug., '06 ; A. W. Carscallen, 12 Feb., '07. 223—John McMillan, 5 Dec., '06. 225—Wm. F. Forrest, 12 July, '06. 229—A. Storms, 12 July, '06. 229—Geo. W. Jackson, 31 May, '07. 230—Jas. Boddy, Jan., '07. 232—R. A. Kirkland, 31 March, '07 ; A. McGeachey, 29 Jan., '07. 234—Thos. Low, 27 April, '06. 235—John Megraw, 11 March, '06 ; Jas. Thompson, 20 Oct., '06. 238—N. B. Howden, 22 Feb., '07 ; Chas. H. Baldwin, 3 March, '07. 242—John Collins, 3 July, '06. 243—J. M. Kitchen, 30 March, '07. 245—F. J. Mayhew, 29 April, '07. 247—Ed. Egan, 15 Nov., '06 ; H. E. F. Caston, 14 March, '07 ; Wm. Roaf, 30 March, '07 ; D. Carpenter, 15 May, '07. 253—N. Hugo, 21 Dec., '06. 254—Henry Barge, 1 Nov., '06 ; W. H. Kellar, 5 Oct., '06 ; Geo. Newman, 19 Jan., '07 ; D. Dennis, 22 Oct., '06. 255—Ezra Burr, 31 Jan., '07. 258—John Mitchell, 23 Jan., '07. 263—Geo. Webster, 30 Oct., '06 ; D. Ross, 27 Sept., '06 ; John Shaw, 25 Oct., '06. 266—C. E. Jakeway, 1 March, '06. 271—Jas. Broddy, 7 Aug., '06. 276—Jas. Gallagher, 8 Dec., '06. 283—M. Moon, 15 Sept., '06 ; J. B. Holmes, 29 March, '07. 284—A. Cousley. 286—J. J. Elliott, 26 Aug., '06 ; Geo. E. King, 10 March, '07. 287—Geo. D. Nealy, 21 Oct., '06 ; T. J. Roberts, 22 April, '07 ; Wm. Fixter, 3 May, '07. 289

—Joshua Irvine, 20 Sept., '06 ; Alex. McKellar, 6 July, '06.
 290—G. C. Foster, 12 Aug., '06. 294—Geo. Phillips, 12 Dec., '06. 295—E. E. Dales, 12 Oct., '06. 296—W. H. Charles, 24 Feb., '07. 300—John Hobbs, 11 Feb., '07. 302—G. G. Murphy, 2 Dec., '06 ; E. H. Davis, 16 Jan., '07 ; P. H. Boughner, 25 Jan., '07 ; Jas. Branston, 23 April, '07. 303—Thos. J. Bell, Aug., '07. 307—W. J. Moore, 9 Aug., '06 ; Tim Hay, 18 May, '07. 312—C. J. Johnson, 13 Sept., '06 ; Geo. Hill, 21 Dec., '06 ; John Fisher, 17 May, '07. 314—G. V. Thomson, 14 Aug., '06 ; T. Fairley, 22 Sept., '06 ; D. J. Marion, 4 Nov., '06. 316—L. Conrad, 15 Oct., '06 ; W. A. Ball, 3 Nov., '06 ; Fred. Percy, 15 Dec., '06. 321—Jas. McLane, 11 Aug., '06. 322—Thos. M. McGill, 21 Sept., '06 ; A. Lewis, 4 April, '07. 324—F. MacKelcan, 27 Aug., '06 ; Jas. Tunstead, 27 Aug., '06 ; S. E. Malloch, 29 Dec., '05 ; Geo. W. Spackman, 2 Jan., '06 ; John Ross, 3 Jan., '06 ; H. Watson, 4 April, '06 ; H. K. Brown, 6 June, '07. 325—Wm. Pringle. 328—Henry Gough, 8 Oct., '06. 329—W. H. Smith, 6 March, '07. 330—E. J. Brown, 1906 ; W. J. Taylor, 8 April, '07. 332—C. R. Rankin, 26 March, '07. 333—Jas. Sullivan, 5 Feb., '07. 337—Wm. H. Rines, 15 Dec., '06 ; Thos. Sowersby, 17 March, '07. 339—John Parke, 30 Nov., '06 ; J. R. Ward, 7 Feb., '07 ; W. Sutherland, 1 April, '07 ; Jas. McCrackey, 5 April, '07 ; H. D. Kelly, 30 May, '07. 341—Jacob Grunder, 13 March, '06 ; L. T. Bland, 18 Aug., '06. 343—Dr. Oronhyatekha, 11 March, '07. 344—F. B. Talbot, 24 Oct., '06. 345—John W. Lee, 3 May, '07. 346—Wm. McKee, 15 July, '06 ; F. Blackwell, 12 Sept., '06 ; Robt. Lang, 2 May, '07. 347—Alex. J. Smith, 5 June, '06. 348—A. G. Breed, 10 Oct., '06 ; C. M. Beck, 14 March, '07. 354—O. Vandewark, '06 ; Thos. Laughlin, 6 April, '07 ; Samuel Reazin, 24 May, '07. 356—Robt. Gardhouse, 7 Sept., '06. 357—Chas. L. Bowlby, 5 Jan., '07. 358—Jas. P. Fenner. 359—Wm. Dawson, 13 July, '06. 361—J. H. Little, 1 Oct., '06 ; C. Pettiford, 30 Sept., '06 ; Wm. H. Kneeshaw, 17 Jan., '07 ; J. S. Mack, 13 Feb., '07. 362—Geo. Kennedy, 15 Oct., '06. 367—Henry S. V. Johnstone, 4 Jan., '07. 368—J. W. Easton, 27 Sept., '06. 371—Alf. Forster, 10 Aug., '06 ; H. J. Fraser, 13 Jan., '07. 372—J. B. Smith, 18 May, '07. 373—John Richardson, 15 Nov., '06. 374—R. H. English, 24 Sept., '06. 376—Geo. Simpson, 29 Dec., '06. 378—F. McConnell, 2 Nov., '06. 379—Jabez Noble, 13 Sept., '06. 380—J. W. Reynolds, 24 July, '06. 382—W. A. Sealey, 3 Oct., '06 ; R. J. Tufts, 12 Oct., '06 ; Thos. Dunning, 17 April, '07. 384—F. G. Steinberger, 8 May, '06 ; A. L. Maddox, 29 Dec., '06 ; J. W. St. John, 7 April, '07 ; W. D. Morrison, 17 May, '07. 385—W. H. Porter. 386—H. McCall, 22 Jan., '07. 391—A. Fowler, 1 Aug., '07 ; F. E. Schlanker, 5 Feb., '07 ; John Crawford, 15 Feb., '07. 393—R. P. Beaman, 22 March, '07. 396—Thos. G. Davis, 2 May, '07. 397—H. J. Leacock, 18 Feb., '06. 399—J. J. Jelly, 31 Aug., '06. 400—Henry Perkins, 19 Nov., '06 ; W. Ashton, 9 March, '07. 401—Wm. Stoddart, 12 August, '06 ; Robt. McLeod, 20 April, '07. 403—A. Shelling-ton, 25 June, '06. 404—F. B. Stratton, 8 Nov., '06 ; R. E. Rose, 12 May, '07. 405—R. F. Wilkinson, 18 Jan., '07. 408—Robt. Campbell, 20 May, '07. 410—C. H. Clarke, 9 Sept., '06. 412—Fred'k Rodgers, 10 Sept., '06 ; G. W. Stadley, 18 Aug., '06 ;

H. R. Saunders, 17 Oct., '06. 419—Alex. Kirkland, 22 Sept., '06; Geo. Renton, 19 Feb., '07. 420—S. N. Smith, 18 Feb., '07; James Dick, 4 May, '07. 425—H. G. Smith, 16 Sept., '06. 426—John A. Paul, 22 Sept., '06; John Higgins, 17 May, '07; F. Watts, 17 May, '07. 427—J. H. Fields, 16 Oct., '06. 432—John Mitchell, 2 March, '06; John Sutherland, 6 May, '06. 435—R. Anderson, 13 Dec., '06. 437—A. Burley. 438—J. J. Ramsay, 17 July, '06; J. Cl land, 19 July, '06; J. J. Elliott, 26 July, '06; A. G. T. Birch, 29 Nov., '06; W. J. Everson, 29 Nov., '06; Geo. Kelly, 20 March, '07; J. H. Ward, 2 March, '07. 441 Jas. Dier, 28 June, '06. 443—Jas. McPaul, 9 Feb., '06; Thos. McKee. 446—H. R. Atkins, 4 Oct., '06. 449—Robt. Maxwell, 19 Sept., '06. 454—R. H. Lemon, 6 June, '07. 455—Thos. E. Flesher, 30 April, '06. 460—G. R. Hawkins, 13 Sept., '06; J. Willoughby, 7 Aug., '06. 462—Thos. McKee, 22 April, '07; P. T. Lawlor, 1 May, '07. 465—Geo. N. Kidd, 9 Feb., '07. 467 Wm. Brydon, 29 Sept., '06; Jas. Brydon, 17 Feb., '07. 469—G. W. Stadley, 18 Aug., '06; N. Simpson, 6 Sept., '06. 472—Thos. M. Wagg, 22 Nov., '06. 474—John Haggas, 17 May, '07. Bancroft, U. D.—Richard Quance, 17 Nov., '06; J. B. Clark, 8 June, '07. 479—H. Lemond, 26 April, '07. 480—T. D. Casselman, 22 April, '07. 481—H. S. McCallum, 21 April, '07.

RESTORATIONS, 1906-7.

5—Wm. L. McKenzie. 9—Geo. A. Cliff, R. Boyes, Alex. Henry. 11—W. J. McMannus, F. S. Foster, L. Sharpe, C. Williams, David Price, Wm. Davis. 14—Wm. Young. 20—Geo. E. Phillips. 24—Geo. Newsome, A. A. S. Burns. 26—H. C. Brundrett. 30—Major Harper, Wm. Calverley. 33—C. E. Beck. 35—A. A. Stevens. 38—Thos. German. 40—E. B. Shannon, Thos. Bird. 42—W. C. Noble, G. B. Hendry, J. W. Knight. 43—Isane W. Griffin. 45—Francis Smith, Art. Lindsay. 46—W. H. Oneil. 47—C. H. George, Geo. McNally, Wm. Bennett, Wm. Bulmer, W. A. Shneel, A. J. Shneel. 52—T. G. Brigham. 54—R. B. Orr. 55—J. C. Postlethwaite, J. J. Maxwell. 56—Jas. Gowans, R. J. Tretheway. 57—E. W. Dartnell. 58—S. H. Willard, W. A. Inwood, Ab. Fraser. 65—Geo. H. Flint. 75—H. S. Jex, E. J. Philips. 76—H. Smith, J. W. Short, Geo. W. McLeod. 77—Jas. Nesbitt. 78—Wm. Parker, P. G. Bromley. 84—Thos. Beacons. 85—A. E. McLean(J. H. McLaughlin. 86—John Coulter. 88—T. A. Martin, Geo. Corbett, R. J. Brebner, C. A. Ward. 91—D. M. Christie. 92—Wm. Quinn. 93—Wm. J. Evans, A. Campbell. 94—H. Long. 98—P. Steine. 104—Wm. P. Ray. 105—G. B. Greenwood. 107—David Irvin, Chas. A. Kalus. 113—A. Gowling. 119—Henry Spearing. 121—Geo. W. Montgomery. 125—R. J. Craig. 127—D. B. Preston, Geo. W. Potter, John W. Preston, J. W. Campbell. 129—O. E. Eaton. 137—Wm. Rooke, Thos. H. Chambers. 142—Geo. C. Hart. 143—R. H. Knox. 144—C. H. Solley. 146—F. H. O. Stinson. 157—Noah Whitmarsh. 164—J. D. Osterhont. 165—H. E. Edgcomb. 174—Henry Woodward, Jr. 178—D. A. Hogarth. 180—Joshua Kribbs. 197—H. H. Sinclair. 209a—Samuel A. Roberts. 216—Malcolm Gray. 218—W. E. Ricard. 223—Jas. S. Mei-

kle, Alex. Primrose. 225—L. E. Rice. 230—Walter F. Reid. 249—R. Bennett. 260—D. Trotter, J. Trader, John Read. 276—J. Pennington. 277—Wm. Bates, P. Nelson. 283—C. W. Smith, R. C. Hulme, H. McNinch, Chas. Green. 284—Robt. Blair. 286—Wm. J. Blatchford, R. C. King. 289—Geo. H. Routledge. 290—John Bothwell. 294—J. P. McKenzie. 300—Robt. Kennedy. 312—Jas. Rikely, W. H. Clutterbuck, C. S. Woolever, M. Cameron, John N. Gibb. 316—Wm. Green, R. Childs. 319—T. W. Holbrook. 320—J. E. Brownell, J. A. Loucks. 321—Wm. A. Felton. 322—W. R. Stevenson, J. H. Guisby. 324—S. G. Dunn. 325—Thos. Courtice. 326—Fred. G. Crane. 327—Thos. Heywood, Jas. Heath, R. J. Prior. 329—Robt. Easton. 330—D. H. Dobbin. 332—A. Dingman. 336—V. A. Statia. 337—P. Rock, D. Shainholts. 339—Phillip M. Bates, A. S. Purdy, N. B. Burton, John Gibb. 341—L. T. Bland. 344—J. K. Creighton. 345—W. W. Duncan. 346—J. Aikins, J. Sivers, G. Shorland. 347—C. C. McIntosh. 357—E. English, Robt. Allison. 359—Alonzo Louks. 364—R. G. Lucas. 368—G. R. Quirmbach, T. R. Back, H. J. Robinson. 370—R. J. McGuire, J. Delong. 372—John G. Ruthven. 373—R. A. Johnston, E. P. Robins. 375—R. J. Patterson. 377—F. A. Campbell. 379—S. McRoberts. 380—J. W. Wallace, Wm. Scarlett, Jas. Earwaker. 382—W. J. Evans, K. Cauman. 384—Geo. W. Broughton. 395—T. F. Johnson. 399—C. White, J. L. Laws. 406—Robt. Pearson, J. Simpson. 410—D. S. Gordon. 414—John Kay, A. S. Cuthbert, G. W. Smith, J. A. Martin. 415—Geo. Cosgrove. 419—Chas. Miners. 421—D. H. Marion. 423—Jas. Dunn. 424—W. A. Remmer. 432—A. J. Cressman. 434—F. W. Bowles. 437—Wm. White.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM ROAF

Past Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West
District, No. 11.

Died 30th March, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN S. DEWAR

Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of London
District, No. 3.

Died 16th September, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

J. W. ST. JOHN

Past Master of Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West
District No. 11.

Died April 7th, 1907.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

CHARLES PETTIFORD

Past Master of Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington
District No. 7.

Died 13th September, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

C. C. ROBINSON

Past Master of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora.

Past Grand Registrar.

Died 1907.

Very Worshipful Brother

WM. F. McMASTER

Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Died 1907.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

FRED ROGERS

Past Master of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste.
Marie. Past Grand Steward.

Died 10th September, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

JOHN HALL

Past Master King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto.
Past Grand Superintendent of Works.

Died May 16th, 1907.

Very Worshipful Brother

JOHN DUNLOP

Past Master of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrick-
ville. Past Grand Steward.

Died April 14th, 1907.

Very Worshipful Brother

A. DAWSON

Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peter-
borough. Past Grand Steward.

Died 17th June, 1907.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1907-1908.

THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed..... Hamilton

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt Sarnia

THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Robt. H. Revell.....	Walkerville.....	Erie	District No. 1
" A. Thoman.....	Arkona.....	St. Clair	" 2
" E. E. C. Kilmer.....	Aylmer.....	London	" 3
" H. A. L. White.....	St Marys.....	South Huron	" 4
" Thomas Brown.....	Wroxeter.....	North Huron	" 5
" George Stewart.....	Springfield.....	Wilson	" 6
" J. A. V. Preston.....	Orangeville.....	Wellington	" 7
" Herbert S. Griffin.....	Hamilton.....	Hamilton	" 8
" J. W. Bethune.....	Stayner.....	Georgian	" 9
" George H. Pettit.....	Welland.....	Niagara	" 10
" W. H. Shaw.....	Toronto.....	Toronto West	" 11
" W. R. Cavell.....	Toronto.....	Toronto East	" 11a
" Wm. Williamson.....	Beaverton.....	Ontario	" 12
" C. A. Lapp.....	Brighton.....	Prince Edward	" 13
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Appendix to Proceedings of 1903.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the following review of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings which have been received up to June 10, 1907. The most notable events which have occurred in other jurisdictions have been sent down and extracts have been given from the best addresses of Grand Masters and reports of committees.

The conflict in France between the State and the Roman Catholic priesthood seems to be a case of history repeating itself. The State is said to be controlled by the Freemasons, in much the same way that the Order of the Illuminati were prominently concerned in the French Revolution of 1792.

The Order of the Illuminati was founded in Bavaria in 1776 by Dr. Adam Weishaupt. Freemasonry seems to have given him the idea. The avowed aim of the Order was to illuminate the world with the aurora of philosophy; to ray forth from secret societies, as from so many centres, the light of science over all nations; to diffuse the purest principles of virtue and to reinstate mankind in primeval innocence and happiness. The speculations of St. Pierre, of Rousseau, and of Helvetius had tended in the same direction, and Morelly had previously proclaimed to the world a moral code based upon the unwritten laws of nature and a system of society which reproduced the idealities of Plato and More.

Freemasonry supplied the hierarchical organization of the new Order and from the same fertile source was derived much of the machinery necessary for its working.

To what he had borrowed from the Masonic Craft, Weishaupt added a variety of new mystical and symbolical ceremonies. A number of scientific men of liberal principles gradually became members. Among these were Mesmer, the founder of Mesmerism and clairvoyance, and the celebrated Condorcet, afterwards a distinguished member of the Girondist party in the French Convention..

As the initiations increased, the system of affiliated societies was introduced and lodges were opened in various parts of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, those of each country being dependent upon the Grand Lodges, and the latter upon the Central Society in Ingolstadt. Among the members initiated in France were the Duke of Orleans, Mirabeau and the Abbe Sieyes.

In 1780 an elaborate Constitution was adopted. This divided the members into three classes, Novices, Scotch Knights and Rulers. Great numbers of Freemasons joined the new Society. The German Princes had become initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, esteeming it the highest honor to be associated with the literati and with those whose principles were virtue and philanthropy.

The Illuminati absorbed into itself all the Freemasons who were looking forward to the regeneration of society, the triumph of philosophy and the government of opinion. They wished to commence with the minds the most advanced, that by the aggregation of these, the diffusion of the new ideas of the philosophy of progress might be more easily and rapidly effected. At first the princes of Germany were dazzled by the air of romance and mystery which the Illuminativists contrived to throw around them.

In 1785 the Bavarian Government issued an edict against the Order. Many of its members were imprisoned or compelled to leave their homes, and Weishaupt was banished. He found refuge at the court of Prince Augustus of Gotha. But when the French Revolution began to loom threateningly upon the horizon, the Illuminati were regarded as its authors. Royalty and aristocracy now looked upon them with abhorrence, and the Freemasons fell under the same ban. At the first looming of the danger, the Illuminativists were encountered by this royal repudiation and condemnation, but their secret organization enabled them to elude the hand of despotic authority that was outstretched to crush them, and the melodramatic rapidity with which the events of the Revolution succeed-

ed each other soon rendered secrecy no longer necessary.

The French Revolution was the triumph of the Illuminati through its French members, and their reply to the despotism which had menaced their existence in Germany and the Netherlands.

The Duke of Orleans was a member of the Jacobins, although distrusted by them. The Abbe Sieyes, the champion of the *tiers-etat*, had given to France the Constitution of 1791, the Revolutionary foundation. The voice of Mirabeau was potential in the new Assembly. Condorcet, the philosopher of the Gironde, exercised by his genius an undoubted influence on public opinion, and Romme, a mystical enthusiast, by his connection with De Mericourt, the Laïs of the French Revolution, became a link between the Illuminati and Jacobins, and the populace of the faubourgs.

ALABAMA.

86th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 4, 1906.

Sorrow broods over their threshold. Soon after their last meeting, the Grand Master, Bro. Henry H. Matthews was taken ill and died in June following. He was a zealous and devoted Mason, loved and respected by all his brethren.

The duties of the office fell upon the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Ben. M. Jacobs. His address indicates great ability and a large capacity for hard work. The number of new lodges, 27, exceeds that of any former year. He condemns the unnecessary publication of Masonic matters in the newspapers and thinks it is not proper to give the names of persons initiated. We think that practice should be prohibited. We quote the eloquent conclusion of Bro. Jacobs' address :

So is written the history of the year. Prosperity sits at our gates. On our altars peacefully burn the fires of fraternity. The fragrant garlands of friendship are twined about our pillars. The true light comes from the East and falls in refulgent splendor upon the banner of an organization committed to the practice of every noble deed, taught to cherish every worthy thought.

The retrospective view is the source of much pride and congratulation, as we look upon the achievements of our fraternity, its material progress and the Masonic zeal of its subordinate lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. We belong to a fraternity that occupies no insignificant place among the forces that go to make the world's history, that tend to the

enlightenment of mankind and the advancement of civilization. We point with pride to its past record throughout the civilized world. It has sent forth brethren on the mission of charity and love, to bind up the bruised and broken heart, to dry the tears of the orphan and hush the wail of the widow, and thus, with tender touches, has lifted humanity with loving hands to higher planes of living and nobler spheres of thought.

The world at large is realizing each day more and more the moral force of Masonry, in the uplifting of humanity. Having for its corner-stone the Holy Scriptures, it stands for the immutability of the highest truths, the sacredness of God's Revelations; for man's duty and guidance in life, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, all as forming the only true basis and standard of human character and good citizenship. It is affected by no passing breeze or change, no spirit of unrest, and it is never heated into passion by assaults from without, but moves quietly along on its pathway of charity, good will and helpfulness to men, and amidst the petty turmoils, the selfish purposes, the mean bitterness of men, it stands

'Like some tall cliff, that lifts its awful form,
Swells the gale and midway leaves the storm;
Though 'round its base the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.'

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized. The request for recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was refused, "as pure Masonry is not yet established in that country."

The Constitution was amended and now provides that "no one shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master more than one year in any period of six years." This practically means that no one can be Grand Master for more than one year. We think it unwise for a Grand Lodge to thus fetter itself. The vote by lodges was 299 to 115; 284 being the necessary two-thirds to carry, and the Masters of 11 lodges are to be summoned to appear at the next Grand Lodge to give their reasons for failing to report on the amendment.

The following Edict was adopted :

Masonry is neither a political nor a business organization, and no Mason should use the order or appeal to the brethren of the Craft to further his political or business aspirations simply because he is a Mason.

A Committee of three Past Grand Masters was appointed to solicit funds and to wage a campaign of education for a Masonic Home.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. W. A. Titcomb.

Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1905.

Lodges, 457; members, 18,191; increase, 1514.
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64th Communication, Little Rock, November 20, 1906.
 Antonio B. Grace, G. M.

The Craft is in a prosperous and flourishing condition and peace and harmony prevail. Nine new lodges were formed. The Grand Master praises the good work of the District Deputies. Appeals for aid for indigent brethren were very few.

Their Masonic Home is to be located at the City of Batesville, on 100 acres of land donated by the citizens.

Alberta was recognized.

The following report was adopted :

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage by C. A. Bridewell, Past Grand Master, presented the following report on the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master as to presenting to the candidate at each raising a copy of the By-laws, which report was adopted, to wit :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas :

Your Committee on Masonic Law to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand Master, as to presenting newly made Master Masons the Edicts, Monitor, etc., have duly considered the same and propose the following Edict, to wit : Hereafter every Lodge in this jurisdiction, at the raising of a brother, shall present to him a copy of the By-laws of the Lodge, and recommend that he at once obtain a copy of the Monitor adopted by this Grand Lodge. Such presentation shall be made by the Worshipful Master immediately after the charge is delivered. The W. M. shall impress upon the newly-made brother the importance of carefully studying both the By-laws and the Monitor.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 515; members, 16,772; increase, 799.

Jacob Trieber, (Little Rock), G. M.

Fay Hempstead, (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

35th Communication, Victoria, June 21, 1906.

Thomas J. Armstrong, G. M.

A new lodge was opened at Hedley.

Barkerville is away up in the mountains, hundreds of miles from anywhere. Bro. James Stone, the District Deputy, sent in a unique report :

Just a few lines by way of answering our names at the General Muster of 1906. We are but a small portion of the Jurisdiction, but should hate to see our annals entirely vacant.

Cariboo No. 4 is still holding up the even tenor. Numerically we have forged ahead one, a small gain, but better than having to record a decrease.

We are not only small in numbers but have become very scattered. I think only three reside in the vicinity of the Tall Building in Barkerville, which holds aloft in letters three feet high "Masonic Hall, 1869." Some are out in various outlying creeks hunting for gold, some resident at Quesnel, others down in the Coast cities, one up in the cold Klondyke, one in fair London Town, England, some in the Eastern States. Verily we are "dispersed around the globe." Notwithstanding we have kept our meetings up pretty good. The absentees let us hear from them. One Brother in Pennsylvania writes: "On my way out and at this place I have visited several Lodges and am surprised to find so little difference in the work; we compare favorably." It is pleasant to receive such from afar. It is also pleasant to note the Brethren, with few exceptions, make it easy for the Secretary in sending out the notices. He has only to write at Cr., instead of going up a column of figures. A trivial thing to mention, but it brings my document to a half decent size.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized and the request of Valle de Mexico denied.

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith presented another of his high-class reports on Correspondence, covering 270 pages and all full of interest. His discussions of almost all the questions that are of moment are very valuable. Canada for 1905 has fraternal mention.

Lodges, 41; members, 3,051; increase, 220.

James H. Schofield, (Trail), G. M.

R. E. Brett, (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

57th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 9, 1906.

Motley H. Flint, G. M.

The earthquake and fire of April, 1906, destroyed all the Grand Lodge records and all the papers connected with the Grand Secretary's office. The Masonic Temple was entirely destroyed, and they have since sold the site for \$750,000, and will build a new Temple in a different location. Nine new lodges were opened. The contributions for relief after the great disaster amounted to \$315,000.

The greater part of this volume is taken up with details of the relief work. The report of the Special Committee was adopted as follows :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Special Reports of the General Masonic Relief Fund, begs leave to report :

That it has scrutinized most carefully the reports and the financial statements, and finds no other criticism necessary or adequate than the highest commendation for the work done and the manner in which it was executed. The Committee considers every page of this glorious record of philanthropy a tribute to that Freemasonry which evidences itself not in formulas or rituals, but in deeds of kindness done. An ancient sage declared that we should thank God for the evil as well as for the good, and the philosophy of that counsel is evidenced in the great blessing that flowed from full hearts to the distressed population of our beloved city as an earnest and a proof of the great good Masonry has done for the world.

Your Committee has had submitted to it the report of expert accountants certifying to the correctness of the accounts of the Relief Fund Committee, and your Committee feels assured, as it did before this testimony was offered, that the fund was wisely administered, the amounts properly expended and the accounts faithfully and correctly kept. Great credit is due those in charge for the economy practiced in the matter of salaries and other expenses of administration. In view of the foregoing, your Committee begs to offer the following :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby expresses its high appreciation of the ability of M. W. G. M. Motley H. Flint and the humane and Masonic spirit that guided him in his successful efforts to relieve the distressed.

II. Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hereby expresses its commendation of the work of relief as carried on under the supervision of Bros. W. Frank Pierce, Harry Lask and those mentioned as co-operating with them.

III. Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hereby desires to record its ineradicable appreciation of the prompt and gracious tenders of assistance and encouragement that reached us from all Masonic jurisdictions and bodies during the period of our calamity.

IV. Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve the suggestion of M. W. Motley H. Flint in reference to continuing the work of the fund during the winter, and recommend same to the incoming Grand Master for action.

V. Resolved, That copies of the special report covering the entire work of relief be sent to all Masonic jurisdictions, foreign and domestic, to the Congressional Library, and to all libraries in this State, that this Monument to Masonic Philanthropy may be preserved.

It was decided to continue the system of exchanging Grand Representatives with other Grand Lodges.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the reports of Committee on Investigation appointed on the petition of applicants for the degrees of Masonry, or for applications, shall not be read in the Lodges, except so far as the announcement of the character of the report is concerned; nor shall the names of the brethren appointed on such committees be announced in the Lodge.

Our Proceedings of 1905 receive due notice.
Lodges, 308; members, 33,769; increase, 2,208.
Edward H. Hart, San Francisco, G. M.
George Johnson, (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

46th Communication, Denver, September 18, 1906.
Charles F. Painter, G. M.

Remarking on his official visitations, he has the following :

To summarize, I have made forty official visits, covering fifty-one Lodges, as in several instances there were joint meetings of two, three or four Lodges. But even with this, I was unable to visit quite half our Lodges.

Upon my induction into the office of Grand Master one year ago, I decided that during my term I would visit as many of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction as possible and that, in making these visits, I would give preference to the far distant and smaller Lodges that had not been favored with a visit from their Grand Master for possibly many years previous, if at all. This policy I have pursued during the past year, as near as absence from my own business pursuits would permit. I sincerely regret that time and other duties incumbent upon me did not permit of my making many more visits. In making the several visits here reported, I traveled several thousand miles and have reached practically all portions of our vast Commonwealth, excepting the northwestern part.

On all of these visitations, upon many of which I have been accompanied by one or more of my associate Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, we have been greeted with hearty hand-clasps, with bright smiles, with generous hospitality, and with every manifestation of earnest, cordial, Masonic Brotherhood. I find that the country Brethren in particular, oftentimes and at great personal sacrifice, attend their Lodge meetings, visit the sick, bury the dead and contribute liberally to every worthy cause. The visits I have made during the past year have been a great pleasure to me and to those who have accompanied me, and I trust that they have and will be a great benefit to the Craft.

Three new lodges were opened.

Alberta was recognized.

In his review of South Dakota, Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf thus discourses about two interesting emblems, the Pentalpha or five-pointed star, and Solomon's Seal, the six-pointed star :

For the edification of Brother Brown we would say that Colorado claims to have found nothing new, but rather to have more nearly followed ancient tradition than the designs laid down by regalia dealers and too often thoughtlessly adopted in some Jurisdictions. The pentalpha displayed upon the jewel of our Deputy Grand Master is the same as that used by

the Grand Lodge of England, from which our Masonry is derived, and whose well-known conservatism in all matters pertaining to Masonry, has rendered it an authority when ancient tradition is to be followed. It is by no means a new symbol in Masonry for Dr. Mackey says: "It is typical of brotherly love that unites the whole fraternity."

The mediaeval Masons considered it a symbol of deep wisdom. By our Ancient Brethren it was called "The Star of the East," and was the symbol of Masonic light. And in Masonic symbolism it is referred to as representing the intimate union which existed between our three ancient Grand Masters.

The six-pointed Star, or, Seal of Solomon, with the setting sun inscribed within it, which we adopted as the Jewel of the Grand Lecturer, cannot be claimed as original by this Jurisdiction. It is described in Sickel's Monitor as the appropriate jewel for this office, which appears to be the only place where a description of the jewel for that officer can be found. The two interlaced triangles which form the Seal of Solomon are of very ancient origin, and are supposed to have had talismanic powers, and this design was hailed by our ancient Brethren, among all nations, as the symbol of Divine Humanity, the image of God in Man. As to the criticism that the adoption of a purple ribbon "tends to prove that the Grand Lodge of Colorado is not a Blue Lodge," we would remark that purple has always been considered the insignia of royal or supreme authority, it is the color of dignity and an emblem of exalted office. Mackey says, "In the Grand Lodge of England, Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers wear purple collars and aprons as the symbolic color of the Past Master's Degree, to which all Grand Officers should have attained," and in this country, in Pennsylvania, which is the most conservative Jurisdiction, purple is considered the appropriate color for the collars or ribbons of the officers of a Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 107; members, 11,501; increase, 508.

Arthur E. Jones, (Denver), G. M.

Charles H. Jacobson, (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

119th Communication, New Haven, Jan 16, 1907.

Benjamin F. Turner, G. M.

The year past was one of activity among most of the lodges and with no cases of grievance or appeals, it must be said that harmony prevailed.

A movement was inaugurated to build an addition to their Masonic Home.

Alberta and Valle de México were recognized.

The dues to Grand Lodge are \$1 per year for each member, and in estimating their membership, lodges may deduct all members who have been in good standing for 30 years. Seventy-five per cent. of the amount received goes to the support of the Home and other charities.

Bro. John H. Barlow presented his usual excellent report on Correspondence, in which our Proceedings of 1906 find a place.

Lodges, 110; members, 20,752; increase, 665.

Andrew J. Hallock, (Bethel), G. M.

John H. Barlow, (Hartford), G. S.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware was organized in 1806. A special communication was held at Wilmington, June 7, 1906, to celebrate their Centennial anniversary. An elaborate programme was well carried out and the speeches were excellent. The proceedings form very interesting reading and the handsome volume in which they are contained will make a welcome addition to our library.

101st Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 3, 1906.

Levin I. Handy, G. M.

In his opening remarks, Bro. Handy has a forcible paragraph on the interest in subordinate lodges :

The real seat of Masonic interest is in the Subordinate Lodges. The older members of the Grand Lodge, who have been coming here for many years, have a natural attachment for the Grand Lodge as such; but I believe it is true that no Mason will long keep a true and warm interest in Masonic matters if he neglects his Subordinate Lodge, attends none of its meetings and gets out of touch with its membership. Our Masonic obligations were taken at the altar of a Subordinate Lodge, and it is by gathering around that same altar that we are most likely to preserve their binding effect on mind and conscience. It was in a subordinate lodge that we first observed the chaste beauty of Masonic symbols and there that we first heard the lofty principles of right living which Masonry inculcates. It is by regular attendance at the Subordinate Lodge that the light by which Masons work and live may most surely continue to shine and illumine our minds and make plain the path of duty. You have been instructed before from this Grand East concerning the evils of non-affiliation, and I now call your attention to a sort of legalized non-affiliation. It is the condition of the Mason who is affiliated in form and non-affiliated in fact. His name remains on the list, but his person does not appear in the lodge room. He pays his dues—Masonic dues are always and properly light—but he pays no attention to Masonic duty. Every now and then he comes to Lodge on election night because he has been summoned, and possibly he wears a Masonic emblem in the hope that some brother may note it and thereby he may receive the benefit of Masonic love and confidence. That is something he is still ready to receive, although he no longer has any of it to give. He is non-affiliated in everything except in name, and all of the evils of non-affiliation surround Masonry such as his. Affiliation means more than mere payment of dues. It means

an interest in Masonry and in brother Masons, and it demands attention to the affairs of the Subordinate Lodge.

Alberta was recognized.

There were three lodges of instruction held with very encouraging results.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. L. H. Jackson, and reviews Canada for 1905. Bro. Jackson does not seem to understand the peculiar significance of the third of the joint resolutions of England, Scotland and Ireland on the recognition of new Grand Lodges, which we quoted in full last year. He quotes the resolution, and then says:

"We think the above a beautiful manifestation of the true Masonic spirit and will result in the greater welfare and growth of Masonry in all those countries where such action of the three Grand Lodges applies."

This is the first expression of approval of that resolution that we have seen. Certainly tastes differ. To our mind, that resolution was so arbitrary and utterly selfish that no defender of it could be found. Even the Grand Lodge of Ireland, although consenting, felt compelled to record their dissatisfaction.

Lodges, 22; members, 2,772; increase, 104.

Robert K. Stephenson (Wilmington), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram, (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

96th Communication, Washington, Dec. 19, 1906.

Walter A. Brown, G. M.

The lodges are in splendid condition, both numerically and financially; harmony prevails and the prestige of the Craft has been maintained on the same high level as in the past.

At nearly all of the Grand Visitations a fine programme of entertainment of a highly instructive and pleasing nature was furnished.

On the subject of the attendance of non-Masonic organizations at Masonic funerals, the Grand Master says:

January 16, 1906, a communication, embodying the admirable report made at the last annual communication by a special committee regarding the rights and privileges of non-Masonic organizations at Masonic funerals, was sent to all Masonic bodies in the District of Columbia and to other fraternal societies. Masters of Lodges were requested to see that the representatives of non-Masonic societies which desire to participate in funerals are consulted in a spirit of fraternal

comity, and that such organizations are accorded all their rights under the Burial Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

The communication was sent to non-Masonic societies in the hope that they would gain a better understanding of the funeral regulations of the Masonic fraternity, which contemplate giving them all privileges not in conflict with the ancient customs of our institution, from which there can be no deviation if the institution is to be preserved in its integrity.

In reply to this communication a letter was received from Mr. Ernest W. Bradford, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the District of Columbia, from which I quote as follows :

Entertaining as we do the highest respect for our sister order, and desiring in every proper way to promote a spirit of fraternal respect and courtesy between the two great fraternities, it will ever be our aim to avoid any cause for friction and unpleasantness whenever bodies of the two organizations shall be brought in contact, particularly at the funerals of departed brothers who may have been members of both. If a sufficient number of the circulars are furnished, we will distribute them among the several lodges I. O. O. F. of the District of Columbia, with the direction that every effort be made to promote harmony and cordial intercourse between our order and the Masonic order, each observing the rights of the other, and thus seeking to avoid discord and to promote mutual fraternal respect.

It gives me great pleasure to record the fact that the writer of the foregoing truly fraternal sentiments, creditable alike to himself and to the great order he represents, has since become a member of the Craft.

Action on the formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was "deferred indefinitely." This was done to preserve "the comity which has ever existed between the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and of the District of Columbia." Other Grand Lodges have accorded recognition and we have not heard of any declaration of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodges of England or Scotland in consequence, nor are we likely to. It was also decided that their Grand Secretary "be authorized to continue to exchange reports" with the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and if this is not recognition, it is something very like it.

Alberta was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. George W. Baird. In his review of Maine, he quotes a remark by the Grand Master that "France is in the midst of a mighty struggle growing out of a determined effort to separate Church and State," and then says :

We do not think he has put it quite right. We think the French government is making an effort to free itself from the yoke of certain Romish orders. The church and state are

bound by certain agreements in a compact known as the Concordat. We have a copy before us. While the concordat gives certain privileges and money consideration to the church, it also imposes certain duties. We have the assurance of Monsieur Combes, the premier, that while the church has taken advantage of every condition, it has violated every precept in the concordat. France has ever guaranteed to the statutory secular bishops and clergy all the conditions warranted in the concordat; but it does not bow its head in submission to the monastic orders which have been installed there in violation of the concordat. A few years ago Captain Dreyfus was court-martialed, convicted and sentenced to penal servitude on Devil's Island. The Court of Appeals (cassation) confirmed the verdict. Dreyfus is a Mason. But now the highest court has concluded that Bro. Dreyfus is innocent, as the crime charged was never committed. We have always believed the offense of Dreyfus was that he belonged to the Masons.

Our proceedings of 1906 receive due attention.

Lodges, 27; members, 7,999; increase, 293.

Francis J. Woodman, (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston, (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

We have only the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of March 6, 1907, at which the sum of £1,000 was voted for the relief of the brethren in Kingston, Jamaica, who were sufferers by the earthquake.

FLORIDA.

78th Communication, Jacksonville, Jan. 15, 1907.

Charles W. Johnson, G. M.

With the exception of a couple of cyclones or tornadoes the State has been free from harm and the prosperity of past promises continuance. The condition of the Craft is most encouraging. Eight new lodges were organized.

At one of his visits the Grand Master conferred the third degree on three brothers, the father of the three being present at the lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized. As to the Valle de Mexico, the Committee say that there are many good reasons why recognition should not yet be accorded.

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented a very excellent report on Correspondence. In his review of Oregon, he says :

Grand Lodge Officers and Orators in the States are apt to burst into flights of eloquence over the democracy of Masonry because "no man is regarded for his worldly wealth or sta-

tion." Commenting upon a paragraph in the oration of Brother Dunlap, orator of Kansas, Brother Hodson reminds us that in the States Masonry is democratic as now taught and practiced; that in England the Grand Master can only be of royal blood, in Ireland nothing less than a Duke can occupy the oriental chair. Masonry in its traditions is a despotism and the Grand Master the absolute ruler of the craft. It is in the States, and particularly the newer western States, when the Grand Master has been made simply a presiding officer, that the "democratic" idea has been carried to an extreme and Masonry has lost much of its identity. Compare these new jurisdictions with those further east which are comparatively old, and where Masonry has been taught, unchanged over an hundred years, and note the changes. The different stages of development or "modernizing" is observable as we go toward the setting sun, and we often wonder if American Masonry will drift so far from its original, that, like the "Masonry" as now found in Germany it will be characterized as having very little of the original left.

On the formation of Grand Lodges and with special reference to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, Bro. Wright has the following :

We have been unable to find any law or ancient regulation which requires directly or indirectly that a majority of all lodges in the jurisdiction shall unite in the formation of a Grand Lodge. Finding that there was no law which required more than three lodges to unite in the formation of a Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland united in an agreement that they would not recognize one formed with less than a majority. That agreement was not adopted and published until long after the Grand Lodge of Queensland was an accomplished fact. Such has not been the custom or precedent as will be seen by the long list quoted by us in our review of Queensland. We are unable to agree that it is a custom or requirement that a majority of all lodges is required.

In ascertaining the number required, the question will arise as to whether it will require a majority of those under each constitution or of all in the state or colony?

One of the most conclusive arguments against there being any such rule is the statement made by one of the Grand Lodge officers in the Grand Lodge of England when he called attention to the fact that "there was no rule and that it was desirable and necessary that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland should agree to one."

Such a rule has been claimed by England but has not been admitted by a large majority of the Grand Lodges of the world, and most of the Grand Lodges formed in the English colonies have been by a less number. The committee of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey presented an exhaustive and interesting report in 1858, where the question of the recognition of Canada was up to which we will refer in our report on Queensland.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive complimentary mention.

Lodges, 166; members, 7,228; increase, 558.
 Elmer E. Haskell, (Patlatka), G. M.
 Wilber P. Webster, (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

120th Communication, Macon, Oct. 30, 1906.
 Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

Our brethren of Georgia are to be congratulated upon the possession of an exceptionally able and zealous Grand Master, and also upon their determination to keep him in office, as they have done for a number of years past. He made many visits and his zeal and devotion have aroused enthusiasm all over the State. The brilliancy of his exordium may be judged from the following sample :

My Brethren : Let us, in thought, turn back three thousand years, to the birth place of Masonry, to the Land of Judea, to the city of the great king. We are once more in old Jerusalem. Before us, on Moriah's sacred crest, the wondrous temple stands, in beauty and in grandeur. Its golden spearheads pierce the clouds. Its pillars and its pilasters shine resplendent and beautiful. Upon it rests the Shekinah of the living God. It is the marvel of the ages, the pride of Israel, a magnificent monument to the skill and devotion, the power and the glory of David's royal son.

It is the Day of Atonement—the great white fast of the Jews. From far and near the assembled tribes have come. A mighty host is here, in festal garments clad. For on this day the High Priest shall make atonement for the people's sins. Thronged are the Temple's courts. Levite and priest, prophet and king, sinner and saint are here. The iniquities of the nation shall be washed away. Though they be as scarlet, they shall become white as wool.

Suddenly a hush falls on the assembled host. Profoundest silence reigns. All eyes are turned toward the East, the place of the Sanctuary. Purified by many baths, arrayed in garments of spotless white, the High Priest enters the Holy Place—the Sanctum Sanctorum—where the presence of the Most High in splendor and in glory rests. With clean hands with concrete heart, with pure lips, with a spirit sanctified by prayer, he pronounces the Ineffable name—the great, sacred, mysterious name of God. And when that awful name is pronounced, in sanctity and purity, by the lips of the High Priest, that countless host of Israel's faithful sons prostrate themselves, falling upon their faces, and exclaim : "Blessed be the name of the glory of His Kingdom forever and ever!" Oh, it was a glorious and an awe-inspiring sight—a nation prostrate at Jehovah's feet ! A people bowed in reverential awe ! The painter's brush, the poet's pen, the prophet's burning words cannot fittingly portray that great and wondrous scene. The hearts of the people were aglow with holy gladness. The

nation was at peace with itself, with its Creator, with all mankind. The smile of God illumined all the land with joy.

And when the High Priest emerged from the Divine Presence, says the stately ritual of the Jewish Church, 'how glorious was his appearance when he came forth from the Sanctuary. Like an amethyst set in a crown; like a ruby fixed in a mitre; like crystal set in gold; like the luster of a carbuncle; like the moon when shining in her greatest luster; like the sun when he goeth forth in his strength; even as the stars of heaven, as an angel of the Lord, shone the face of the High Priest!'

Brethren, between that day and this, thirty centuries of great deeds and fateful history roll. The Temple, so spacious and beautiful, about which clustered the holiest recollections, the center of a nation's hopes and prayers, has been by vandal hands destroyed. The People of the Book—glorious even in disaster—have been scattered far and wide, to Earth's remotest bounds. Priests and prophets are no more. Altar and sanctuary have been laid waste. Even the land of the blessed memories is in the hands of the stranger.

But Masonry has survived. Ten thousand temples have arisen in splendor to testify in every land that the heritage of our fathers will never perish. In every true Masonic heart the Holy Spirit dwells. Upon our altars burn the fires of love and faith and duty.

And as I stand this day, on consecrated ground, my mind goes back to that great scene in old Jerusalem. For is not this day, too, set apart for the glory of God and the honor of Masonry? You, too, have come from every part of this imperial commonwealth to pay homage to Him, the Architect Supreme, who rules the destinies of men. You have laid aside the vestures of rank, and wealth, and power and glory. You have come with clean hands, with pure hearts, with souls aglow with sacred enthusiasm. Purged of earth's dross and free from every unworthy motive, you have come to lay upon the altar of Masonry the first fruits of your love and devotion.

And as I look upon this mighty host of loyal, faithful craftsmen, who have assembled to take part in this, our One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication, it seems to me that your faces glow with the holy radiance that illumined the countenance of the High Priest when he communed with the visible Presence of Divinity.

Once more, my brethren, it is my pleasure and my privilege to announce to you that the year just closing has been one of unprecedented prosperity. It has been a year of growth and progress, a year of unbounded enthusiasm, a year of noble deeds and high endeavor, a year that will live forever in the history of Georgia Masonry.

Our numbers have increased to nearly three times ten thousand; many new Lodges have been instituted; our treasury is full to overflowing; our harmony has not been disturbed by any untoward event; our Home has sheltered the aged, the widow and the fatherless; we have raised the moral standard high, making manhood and character our only tests. And

having been so blest with every good and perfect gift, should we not, like hosts of ancient Israel, in all humility and thankfulness exclaim: "Blessed be the name of the glory of His kingdom forever and ever."

Preliminary steps were taken for the erection of a new Grand Lodge building in Macon.

The evening session of the first day was devoted entirely to social features.

A Jewel of the Eastern Star was ordered for presentation to Mrs. F. E. Wolihin, with a highly complimentary address. Mrs. Wolihin is the widow of their former Grand Secretary, and the mother of the present one. Her great assistance to her husband and son in the discharge of their duties and her many acts of kindness to the delegates called forth this unanimous expression of approval and esteem.

Alberta was recognized and the request of Cosmos Grand Lodge in Mexico for recognition was refused.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. A. Q. Moody, and reviews Canada for 1905.

Under Georgia law, if a brother says he is unable to pay his dues, that "squares" his account, both with the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodge.

Lodges, 505; members, 27,620; increase, 2,331.

Max Meyerhardt, (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin, (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

39th Communication, Boise, Sept. 10, 1906.

Jeremiah W. Robinson, G. M.

He visited all the forty lodges except five and reports all in a very excellent and prosperous condition. The growth of Masonry has kept pace with the general prosperity of the State. The Grand Lecturer was kept constantly in the field with good results in the work.

Fraternal relations were restored with the Grand Lodge of New York.

Alberta was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. George E. Knepper. In his review of Canada for 1905, he has the following:

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are singularly free from everything save figures.

An historical address was delivered by Brother J. Ross Robertson, and was a splendid effort. Beautiful in diction, re-

markable in scope and variety, it is a document which will repay careful and painstaking study.

In the evening at eight o'clock the officers and members of Grand Lodge, accompanied by their lady friends, attended a grand concert in the Armouries.

The revised constitution is printed in full in the volume of proceedings and together with the rules of the Grand Lodge cover fifty closely printed pages.

The celebration of the semi-centennial so far as we could learn consisted in the reading of the historical address.

The Report on Correspondence is again written by Brother Henry Robertson. For a man of his ability his reviews are too short. He writes well and his judgment is excellent. He gives Idaho half a page which is relatively all we deserve as he uses but 86 pages for all. If we were offering suggestions to the Grand Lodge of Canada we would say condense the reports of your D. D. G. M.'s and give us more of Brother Robertson.

Lodges, 40; members, 2,251; increase, 195.

William F. Smith (Mountainhome), G. M.

Theophilus W. Randall, (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

67th Communication, Chicago, October 2, 1906.

Chester E. Allen, G. M.

The Craft has made substantial progress during the year, nearly all the lodges evincing a vigorous activity. Six new lodges were opened.

On finding homes for children the Home Trustees say:

One year ago, this Grand Lodge approved the plan of finding homes for children, so far as it could be done. As this was a new departure, your board felt that it should be careful in formulating plans for this work. Proper care for placing children in suitable families and then a careful supervision of them after they were so located seemed of utmost importance. This has been done and much correspondence has been had with various persons who sought children. In one case a good home was found for a boy eight years old. The child was selected, but it was discovered that his guardian objected to his being taken out of the Home to be placed in a family. This ended this case as no consent was given in the application blank upon which the child was admitted. The admission of children in the future will be made with this in view and it is sincerely hoped that many will be placed where it is believed that they will have better training than is possible in any institutional home. There have been other applications, but in most cases, the people wanted merely the services of the children without making them members of the family. With new regulations, we hope to do more in the coming year than has been possible in the past.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was cordially recognized.

The Grand Lodge resolved to affiliate with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

The following report by Bro. Joseph Robbins, the Chairman of Correspondence, was adopted:

Your Committee on Masonic Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master relating to the complaints of certain German grand lodges, and the correspondence incident thereto, have had the same under consideration.

To obtain a clear understanding of the situation it must be borne in mind that the grand lodges from or through which these complaints have come—the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, are confederated with six other German grand lodges in the German Grand Alliance (Grosslogen-Bund), these other six grand lodges being the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Grand National Lodge of Germany, and the Grand Lodge of Royal York of Friendship, at Berlin; the Grand Lodge of Concord, at Darmstadt; the Grand Lodge of Saxony, at Dresden, and the Grand Lodge of the Sun, at Bayreuth. Of this alliance the grand master of the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union is for the time being the managing director.

During his headship the managing director is the mouth-piece of all the grand lodges in the confederation, in matters of this kind, each of them having given over the entire control of its foreign relations to the general body.

Under these conditions, in January last the Grand Master received a letter from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the substance of which is so completely embraced in the first paragraph of the reply as to preclude the necessity of repeating it here, as the body of the reply of Grand Master Allen, sent through our Grand Secretary to Will Schwanck, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, is here reproduced as follows :

Dear Sir :—The letter of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, of December 27, 1905, covering the complaint of one of its constituent lodges, "Zu den drie Sternen," that one of its members had been refused admission to Illinois lodges notwithstanding he had proved by a valid certificate that he was a brother of the third degree, has been laid before the Grand Master, the M. W. Chester E. Allen, who directs me to say:

First. That lodges in Illinois are not permitted to admit as visitors those whose claim to the Masonic character rests on documentary evidence alone.

Second. That neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power in this jurisdiction to compel a lodge to admit a visitor who is not persona grata to all the members, no matter how thoroughly his Masonic status has been established, the rule being that the objection of a single member will exclude him and that such objection cannot be overruled.

Third. That however willing all the members of an Illinois lodge might be personally to admit as a visitor a member of a lodge belonging to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, they could not do so under existing conditions. It can hardly have escaped the attention or the memory of your Grand Lodge that when the Grand Lodge of New York had occasion to protest against the invasion of its otherwise universally recognized jurisdiction by the planting within its territory of a daughter lodge by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in common with all other Grand Lodges in the United States of America, interdicted all Masonic intercourse between Illinois lodges and Masons and the lodges and individual Masons of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. That edict is still in full force, and so tenacious of the absolute exclusiveness of their jurisdictional rights within their own boundaries, are the Grand Lodges of this continent, that there seems to Grand Master Allen not even a remote possibility that the interdict will be lifted so long as the lodges whose establishment evoked it, are maintained by your authority.

The Grand Master therefore most earnestly hopes that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg may see its way clear to take the initiative in rendering, so far as Grand Lodge action may do, the recurrence of the events complained of by you, improbable if not impossible.

As a new generation of Masons has grown up since the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was placed under the ban by the Grand Lodges of the United States, each of which in its sovereign capacity and unhampered by any entangling alliances, voluntarily came to the support of the doctrine of the rightfully exclusive jurisdiction of each grand lodge within the political boundaries of the state wherein such grand lodge exists, it is proper to reproduce here the self-explanatory resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York on September 2, 1851, within whose territory that principle had been attacked:

"Resolved, That the body formerly known as Pythagoras Lodge No. 86, be, and the same is, hereby declared irregular, and all Masonic intercourse with them prohibited. And whereas the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has refused to accede to our affectionate remonstrance against granting a warrant to Pythagoras Lodge No. 86, all Masonic intercourse be, and the same is, hereby suspended between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg until she recalls said warrant."

In June last the same complaint was again brought to Grand Master Allen's attention and this time by Grand Master Fritz Auerbach of the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, its identity, while not disclosed in his letter printed below being assured by a reference to pages 8-11 to which the letter calls attention:

Frankfort-on-the-Main, June 11, 1906.

To the Venerable Grand Lodge of Illinois in Chicago, Bloomington, Ill., U. S. A.:

Venerable, Beloved Brethren: I have the honor to transmit to you enclosed the reports of the German Grand Lodge No. 3, 1905-6, and request you to take notice of the documents concerning your Venerable Grand Lodge, pages 8-11.

The contents of these documents have engaged the Grand Lodge and in accordance with an adopted resolution, I request of your Venerable Grand Lodge an official declaration, how it intends to act in regard to the complaints contained therein. We assume that your Venerable Grand Lodge will not approve of the rejection of brethren from German Lodges, that belong to the Allied German Grand Lodges.

Should we err in this, or should your Grand Lodge not recognize one of these Grand Lodges, then all the eight German Grand Lodges, united in the German Alliance of Grand Lodges, would be induced to withdraw their recognition of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

With fraternal esteem I greet you, I. D. U. H. Z.

AUERBACH,

Grand Master of the Grand Mother Lodge of the Eclectic Union of Freemasons, at present Managing Director of the German Alliance of Grand Lodges.

The adopted resolution to which Grand Master Auerbach refers is herewith given :

The Mother Grand Lodge, Fritz Auerbach, Grand Master, No. 6 Palmengarten Strasse, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, refers to pages 8 to 11 of the 1905-6 proceedings of the German Grand Lodge No. 3, relative to action by certain Illinois lodges against members of the Fraternity under German jurisdiction. He desires to know whether or not the Illinois Grand Lodge is responsible for this action and requests an expression as to the intentions of the Illinois Grand Lodge in the matter. He states that if the Grand Lodge of Illinois will not accord satisfactory recognition to German Masons the eight Grand Lodges of Germany will unite in taking similar action against Illinois.

To this letter the Grand Master replied as follows:

Mr. Fritz Auerbach, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union of Freemasons, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany:

Most Worshipful and Dear Brother: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous communication of June 11, 1906, addressed to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, and calling attention to certain matters recorded on pages 8 to 11 of the reports of the German Lodge No. 3, 1905-6, and asking for an official declaration respecting the intended attitude of our Grand Lodge towards the complaints therein referred to. In reply I beg to assure you that I shall have much pleasure in laying your communication before the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at its annual meeting, which will occur October 2, 1906, for the consideration and action of that body.

Meanwhile I beg to recall your attention to the letter from our Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful J. H. C. Dill, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, appearing on pages 10 and 11 of the report to which you invite the attention of our Grand Lodge, and particularly to the paragraphs numbered "First" and "Second," as indicating the rule not only of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, but of all or nearly all American Grand Lodges with respect to visiting brethren.

That it is not aimed at Masons made in German lodges is manifest from the fact that it applies equally to Masons made in Illinois.

The only German Masons which the Grand Lodge of Illinois forbids its lodges to admit as visitors are those of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, who were placed under the ban for reasons given in the letter to the Grand Secretary of Hamburg, above referred to, by an interdict antedating by many years the existence of the German Grand Lodge Alliance.

For the last few months there has been an undercurrent of rumor that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has withdrawn the warrant of the lodge which it has so long maintained within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York and that it now maintains no daughter lodges in this country. It is devoutly to be hoped that this may prove to be true, and thus the way be opened for the withdrawal by the Grand Lodges of the United States of the interdict against Hamburg Masons, but thus far this rumor has not been officially confirmed.

I have the honor to remain, with sentiments of high personal regard.

Yours fraternally,

C. E. ALLEN, Grand Master.

Your Committee has reproduced the letters of Grand Master Allen for the double reason that it is desirable that they should be fresh in your minds when you are called upon to vote upon the recommendation of this Committee that the Grand Lodge should formally approve the same, and because in setting forth the rules governing the admission of visitors to our lodges, it may be seen that he has already made it plain that it is the intention of this Grand Lodge that so far as its power extends, the Masons of all other jurisdictions not specifically laid under the ban of non-intercourse by its order, shall stand on the same footing and be subject to the same rules as those made in lodges working under its own charters, no more, no less.

The threat that should the Grand Lodge of Illinois not recognize one of the Grand Lodges united in the Alliance of German Grand Lodges, then the alliance would withdraw their recognition of the Grand Lodge of Illinois comes with bad grace from a body which, by virtue of its constituent bodies having given over to it the control of their foreign relations has had in its hands the power to compel them to keep the peace, has, ever since its organization, permitted one of them to maintain a thorn in the side of a jurisdiction with whom all the rest of its constituents were in fraternal relations, and to defy the universal sentiment and flout the settled policy of the Western Masonic World, while, at the same time they were claiming for the alliance the same exclusive jurisdiction whose violation by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg they were condoning.

The Grand Master echoed the universal sentiment of this Grand Lodge when he expressed the hope that the rumored abandonment of the policy which Hamburg had defiantly pursued for over half a century would prove to be true, and that hope was greatly stimulated by the statement by one of the Committees of the Grand Lodge of New York that the war-

rant of the lodge so long maintained by Hamburg within that jurisdiction had been withdrawn; and whilst no action was taken the statement of the Jurisprudence Committee, to whom the matter was referred, that correspondence had been inaugurated with other Grand Lodges equally interested in the principles involved, excited the expectation that other grand lodges would soon have official information of so happy an event. But the fact that the managing director of the Alliance having the foreign affairs of Hamburg in its keeping, writing to Grand Master Allen six weeks after the Grand Lodge of New York had met and closed, made no response to the latter's expressed hope, naturally excites the apprehension that the hope may yet longer be deferred.

Your committee recommends the approval of the letters of Grand Master Allen to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and Grand Master Auerbach, as reflecting the fraternal sentiments of this Grand Lodge; and further recommends the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois holds that under the law of Masonry no visitor can be admitted to a lodge whose claim to the Masonic status rests on documentary evidence alone.

Resolved, That it has for many years been the well settled law of this jurisdiction, that neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power to compel a lodge to admit a visitor against the objection of a member thereof, even though such visitor be known and recognized by all the members as a lawful Mason.

Greetings were extended to Bro. Joseph Robbins on the fiftieth anniversary of his becoming a Mason.

Bro. J. H. C. Dill, who was Grand Secretary for thirteen years, received a cordial vote of thanks on his retirement.

In his review of Canada for 1905, Bro. Robbins says :

The historical address of Past Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, sketching with broad strokes the origin of Masonry, and its history in the mother country, and more minutely the history of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a paper of great interest, is also one of great value because its author has brought to his subject the modern methods of historical study, appealing to the records instead of to his imagination or to ritualistic tradition for his facts.

Lodges, 743; members, 79,712; increase, 4,686.

Chester E. Allen, (Galesburg), G. M.

Isaac Cutter, (Camp Point), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

33rd Communication, Ardmore, Aug. 14, 1906.

Richard W. Choate, G. M.

Bro. Choate says that the world at large has been amaz-

ed at the rapid, wonderful strides Masonry is making in this sturdy commonwealth. We copy one of the opening paragraphs of the address :

In many respects this has been the most prosperous year that this Grand Jurisdiction has ever experienced. The bountiful yield of the soil in all kinds of agricultural produce, the extensive output of our coal mines, the successful development of our oil industry, the large amount of capital invested in railroads and electric plants, and the tide of immigration now turned toward our new state—the forty-sixth star on our flag — all these progressive tendencies help to shape our destiny and contribute to the advancement of our Statehood in wealth and in population. This general prosperity has been reflected in the advancement of Freemasonry. New temples have been built, others are in progress of construction and many new lodges have been added to our roster.

Seventeen new lodges were opened.

A committee was appointed to receive applications and bids for the location of a Masonic Home.

As Indian Territory and Oklahoma now form one State, steps were taken for the merger of the two Grand Lodges. The following resolution was adopted :

Be it resolved, that the in-coming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, for the purpose of considering a plan of merger or union of the two Grand Lodges into one Grand Lodge. And in the event said committee of three is able to agree upon the terms and conditions of said union, it report the same to the Grand Master of said Grand Jurisdictions, who in turn will submit plans, with all the details thereof, to their separate subordinate lodges, and by proclamation convene the subordinate lodges within a period of sixty days thereafter for the purpose of determining the advisability of effecting said union, upon the terms and conditions as authorized by said committee.

The Master and Secretary of each lodge shall certify the result of their action to their respective Grand Masters, and in the event of the majority of said subordinate lodges in each of said Grand Jurisdictions, shall be in favor of such union, then the Grand Master of the Indian Territory shall take such steps as may be necessary in carrying out said plans.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey, and includes Canada for 1905.

William A. McBride, (Atoka), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow, (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

63rd Communication, Des Moines, June 5, 1906.

William H. Norris, G. M.

The address is carefully prepared and shows the excellent condition of the Craft in clear relief.

The reports of the Grand Secretary are, as usual, thorough and extensive. Their magnificent library is his peculiar care and pride.

A list of 36 questions had been prepared by the Committee on chartered lodges and sent to every lodge. Answers were received from over ninety-five per cent. of the lodges and very full details were thus acquired. After giving a condensed summary of the replies, the Committee say :

You will observe from these figures that the total receipts of the lodges in Iowa during the year 1905 were \$179,327.89 ; that the paid dues on December 31, 1905, were \$29,040.09, or 80 cents for each member in good standing at the close of the year of 1905 ; that the cash on hand December 31, 1905, was \$213,085.35 ; that the value of the real and personal property of the lodges in this jurisdiction is \$732,881.81, making total assets of the subordinate lodges \$945,967.16, which does not include the \$29,040 unpaid dues. To this total amount should be added the value of the property owned by the Grand Lodge, which includes the library and the grounds at Cedar Rapids, cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and in the hands of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, which brings the total value of the property owned by the Blue Lodge Masons in Iowa over \$1,000,900.

We venture that few of the craft realize that our Iowa Blue Lodge Masonry is a million dollar institution, with an annual income of \$180,000, and carrying a cash balance of over \$200,000. A goodly sum for the protection of the widow and orphan, or the assistance of the victims of disaster, or the infirmities of age. We are pleased to note that many of our lodges are investing in permanent homes, and that nearly one-fourth of them are occupying lodge rooms dedicated to Masonry, and over one-half have lodge rooms where only Masonic lodges are permitted entry.

The proper items show that the various lodges are reasonably protected by insurance on their properties, but an insufficient number seem to have protection for their records in the way of fire-proof safes. We urge all who possibly can to take this proper protection.

The item showing that nearly \$30,000 was carried on the books of the lodges as unpaid dues strikes us as being entirely too large. We believe that a prompt collection of dues is a Masonic as well as official duty, and if fraternally insisted on will lead to a decrease in the number of suspensions for the non-payments, as well as the material welfare of the lodge.

The average of expenses to receipts shows a healthy business condition, and in the individual cases, that lodges with more than sufficient revenue to cover necessary expenses are the strong, progressive and influential fraternal organizations in their localities. We again recommend that lodges should advance their dues to an amount that will realize them more than the bare running expenses, in order that they may steadily accumulate a fund for emergent charity, an occasional social feature, and the betterment of their lodge accommodations. Make your lodges fully as comfortable and inviting as any other place you frequent, and then use them, both for the business of the lodge and festival or informal occasions.

Alberta was recognized.

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France, laid over from last year, came up and was indefinitely postponed.

The introduction to the report on Correspondence, by Bro. Joseph E. Morcombe, is well worthy of preservation :

In this place I would urge the necessity for deeper thought ; for a closer study of the things which Masonry holds and yet so well conceals. Schools for instruction are indeed numerous, but teaching therein is largely confined to matters of form and words—the real esotery finds no place in their curriculum. Should not some attention be also given to the underlying meanings—some attempt be made to gain knowledge of lost or forgotten significances ? Rather in the spirit of suggestion than of criticism would we say that Lodges and Grand Lodges imagine all duties met and well performed if but the body of the Craft is amply nourished and and well appareled.

To every man, whether in Masonry or elsewhere, that knowledge comes which is most ardently desired and most earnestly sought. For our initiates there is "no royal road to learning." They can not attain to light and to understanding of the mysteries by any occult process or comprehensive revelation. Our ceremonies confer no Pentecostal gift of tongues ; they give no thaumaturgic key to unlock the secrets of the universe ; no cabalistic formula to open, with magic force, the arcane of higher wisdom. One made a Mason, duly and truly prepared in heart and understanding, is only put thereby in closer touch and finer adjustment with the moral and intellectual forces of the world ; the benefits to be derived will depend entirely upon his own zeal, his industry and his capacity.

We have yet to learn something from the old operative craft, into which the apprentice came as pupil in a practical school. The simple ceremony of entrance did not qualify him as critic of his guild nor as a judge of his elder brethren. He entered upon a period of discipline, subordinating his own untrained impulses to the instructions and commands of those having acknowledged skill. Only when ruder tasks

had taught obedience might he essay some simple detail of the great design. His learning gained and grew with labor; repeated failures brought success. With an infinite patience he labored through the long apprentice years, while cunning workmen taught him all the secrets of the craft. His was reward of weariness and toil when mere mechanic skill had ripened to the artist's thought and touch. On himself, in final test of worthiness, depended all advancement and reward. The perfect transmutation of theory into practice, the trained qualities of head and heart and hand—these made the ancient fellow and the master of craft, and not the formal record of entrance.

Let us be frank one with another in this our survey of Masonry as it is, or rather as it seems to be. If the work of our lodge rooms is to be appraised at value of words, there is nothing in all the ritual which rises above the commonplace of dogma. Its outward teachings are but the elementary lessons of age-old moralities. Considered of themselves they give no new grasp of life and its problems; they furnish no reasonable hypothesis by means of which we may account for the mysteries of existence. Yet all these things are implied and even asserted. Giving attention only to the phraseology of Masonry we catch only faint glimpses of its rich philosophy. Yet it is within such limitations that Masonry is viewed by many of its adherents. Is it any wonder that with insufficient knowledge of the fraternity the *cui bono* comes to many an honest brother with insistent force?

Yet I need not in this presence assert that Masonry is more than formula; that in the adytum of our Temple there is revealed some portion of the eternal verities. To one who has learned aught beyond its words Masonry attracts by its history, charms with its philosophy, and by the very power of thought it holds together pure hearted, clean handed men in ceaseless service for their fellows. The Fraternity is now, and will continue to be, an active force in the world. Its power for good will increase as we learn more fully to use its organized influence. Even now among the nations, all unsuspected, it is substituting the evangel of peace for the ancient and ruthless law of strife and bitterness; teaching ever the great lesson of common brotherhood, in which there is "neither border nor breed nor birth"; seeking in all things to bring nearer the reign of righteousness on earth.

For these great purposes—

"Work, brothers mine, with hand and brain,
To win the golden age again;
Till Love's millennial morn shall rise
In happy hearts and blessed eyes,
And all the world may know that we
Are Knights in God's own chivalry."

Canada for 1905 receives a good notice. We will have to violate our rule for once by quoting the following:

Bro. Robertson has the happy faculty of seizing upon the few really important things and concentrating attention upon these, to the exclusion of the trivial and ephemeral.

On the symbolism of the Two Pillars, Bro. Morcombe says:

In parting, we would suggest to Bro. Greenleaf, if he would grasp the full significance of Masonic symbolism, and the meaning of which the ritual conveys no hint, let him study the two great pillars. And these not as brazen incongruities placed before the temple of a barbaric tribe, but as they appear first in Masonic legend—the pillars set up to preserve the world's learning against flood and fire. And harking back to a further antiquity, let him trace development from the rude menhir over the ancestral tomb, to the duality which followed upon the prehistoric struggle of sex. And then having discovered mystical import of the binary, the path will lead to passage between the pillars of sun and moon, through which the first rays from the east shone into adytum of the temple. This was the gateway of the dead—the door which the initiate of old passed of stern necessity, that he might be born again by mystic death into broader, fuller life. This was the significance alike at Uxmal and upon the Nile. The Pythagorean conceptions reveal, while yet they conceal the mighty meaning. But we concern ourselves rather as to shape and height of those great pillars, because the clew is lost or that we are mentally indolent and will not search out and enjoy our own inheritance.

Lodges, 505; members, 36,736; increase, 1,007.

William F. Cleveland, (Harlan), G. M.

Newton R. Parvin, (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

IRELAND.

The Annual Report for 1906 contains the address of the Deputy Grand Master, Sir James C. Meredith, delivered at the stated communication in Dublin on St. John's Day, and the accounts and statistics, but otherwise there is no information as to what was done by the Grand Lodge.

From the address we make the following extracts:

Our Antrim brethren have done one thing more which I cannot pass from mention of the province without saying a word about. They have established and are now working—and I am thankful to say that it is working most satisfactorily—a Committee of Inspection for that province very much upon the lines of the Committee of Inspection which meets in this hall from fortnight to fortnight. They have followed, practically in its entirety, the practice of this Grand Lodge as to its Committee of Inspection. We Dublin Masons are in the habit of regarding ourselves as a very substantial body—I am glad to say we are—but we are as nothing compared with our brethren of the province of Antrim. In Belfast alone there are many more lodges than there are in the city of Dublin, and taking the province as a whole it

contains about three times the number of lodges which exist in the Metropolitan district; it is therefore obvious that for the well working of a body such as ours it is necessary that they should have a Committee of Inspection, because it is perfectly easy to understand how a man who had done anything wrong—a man who had not been found acceptable in one lodge—might find his way into some other lodge in the city, if there was not a board of the representatives of the different lodges meeting together to interchange views as to the fitness of the candidates proposed. Accordingly, in that vast province now no candidate can be initiated until his name has been approved by the Committee of Inspection of the province. I commend this matter to the other provinces as well worthy of imitation.

In North Munster a new lodge room has been built in Nenagh. In Limerick there exists a Masonic Club, which has a large membership. The Grand Master of the Province of North Munster, Sir Charles Barrington, Bart., has informed me that Lodge No. 13, in the city of Limerick, possesses two valuable antiquities—one a large silver cup, the other what is stated to be the oldest known Masonic jewel. This latter consists of a small brass square, found during the taking down of Ball's Bridge, in the city of Limerick, which was a very ancient structure, and was taken down in 1823. This jewel is dated 1517, that is as closely as possible 400 years ago, and it bears upon it this inscription :

"I will strive to live with love and care
Upon the level and by the square,"

which, I think, establishes the Masonic connection of that jewel. (Applause.)

As regards the silver cup, the history is exceedingly interesting. It was first referred to about the middle of the last century by one who was a most distinguished and pre-eminent Freemason at that time—Bro. Michael Furnell. Ten or twelve years ago it was the subject of an article published by our brother the Grand Treasurer, whom I think I may justly call The Great Antiquarian of the Order—and about three years ago a most interesting paper referring to it by our Bro. H. F. Berry, a Past Master of the Trinity College Lodge, appeared in the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. It appears that during the war of 1813 there was a worthy member of Lodge No. 13, Limerick—a namesake, by the way, of our present Grand Sword Bearer—he was the James Campbell of those days—(applause)—who was the owner of a sloop called "The Three Friends." While at sea he happened to fall in with the French privateer "Le Furet," which was commanded by Louis Marincourt. The French privateer captured "The Three Friends" and made the captain and crew prisoners of war, but Marincourt found that Campbell and he were brother Masons, and he immediately declared that he could not retain captive his Brother Campbell, and he therefore at once released him and his crew and restored to him his sloop. Bro. Campbell, on his return to Ireland, reported to the brethren in Limerick the generous treatment he had received at the hands of the Frenchman,

whereupon the members of Lodge No. 13 subscribed £100, which they invested in the purchase of a silver cup. Silver cups, in those days, remember, were a good deal dearer than silver cups are now. This cup, suitably inscribed, was, as soon as possible on the termination of the war, sent over to France to Bro. Marincourt with the fraternal greetings of Lodge No. 13. But poor Marincourt had died before the cup arrived, and his friends, after a short time, thinking it would be a memento which would be highly valued by the brethren in Limerick, returned the cup to Limerick, where it is now to be found as one of the sacred and valued possessions of Lodge No. 13, Limerick. (Applause.)

KANSAS.

51st Communication, Wichita, Feb. 20, 1907.

Thomas L. Bond, G. M.

The address indicates a thoughtful, zealous and efficient officer. We quote from the opening paragraphs:

Masonry is based upon a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. This, then, is the accepted time for true, earnest, enthusiastic lovers of their fellowmen to rally round the banner of Freemasonry. The correctness of this view has been shown by the record of the year. No preceding twelve months in the history of Kansas Masonry have shown such numerous accessions to our ranks, such zealous devotion on the part of our members, nor such avowed respect for our order on the part of those without the fold. Two thousand one hundred and seventy-eight brethren have been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and the net gain for the year 1906 is fifteen hundred and ninety-seven.

I can, therefore, congratulate this M. W. Grand Lodge upon the record of the year; and I rejoice to be able to state that harmony and brotherly love prevail throughout this jurisdiction.

Of their Masonic Home, the Grand Master says:

Masonry is a charitable organization, and the heart of every Mason should swell with pride when his thoughts turn to the Kansas Masonic Home. I sincerely hope that every brother in attendance at this annual communication will visit that home during his stay in the city. This monument of practical philanthropy testifies strongly in favor of the claim that Masonry is the grandest organization that ever existed.

There are at present sixty-four guests in the home. Each is an indigent Mason, or the wife, widow, or orphan of a Mason. Their material wants are supplied; they are cared for and protected; the young are educated; the old are furnished with recreation and enjoyment. Each Kansas Mason contributes fifty cents per annum to the funds necessary for these purposes. In other words, through the co-operation of Kansas Masons, each brother is supporting, maintaining and caring for sixty-four worthy and deserving people at an annual expenditure of fifty cents. By contributing less than one-

cent a year each Kansas Mason supports a brother Mason or a Mason's wife, widow or orphan.

In the afternoon of the first day of the session the Grand Lodge after being called to refreshment, was escorted to the Masonic Home, where a programme of addresses and musical exercises was rendered in connection with the presentation to the Grand Lodge of a magnificent Chapel, erected by the Order of the Eastern Star of Kansas, at a cost of over \$10,000.

Alberta, Queensland, Porto Rico and Valle de Mexico were all recognized as regular Grand Lodges.

A number of lodges were suspended for 60 days and others for 30 days for failing to act or to report their action on a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Bro. Matthew M. Miller reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1906.

Lodges, 379; members, 28,764; increase, 1,579.

Edward W. Wellington, (Ellsworth), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson, (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

106th Communication, Louisville, Oct. 16. 1906.

James Garnett, G. M.

He found that the Grand Treasurer had on hand more money than was necessary to defray the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, so he drew warrants on the Grand Treasurer to pay \$20,500 of the notes held by the Widows and Orphans Home Board.

He opened nine new lodges.

We copy his remarks on their charitable institutions :

Among the first communications received after I was installed was one from an ex-employee of the home making complaint about the management of the internal affairs of the home. I caused a thorough investigation to be made, all the parties being present and the entire evidence heard being reduced to writing, which resulted in a complete refutation of the charges, and demonstrated the admirable management of the affairs of the home. In order that nothing be hid from the Craft I submit herewith the complete record which will be submitted to the appropriate committee and can be read by anyone desiring to do so.

In this connection I desire to tender the directors and superintendent and all the attaches of the home my thanks for the courtesies shown me during the past year.

It is quite gratifying to find that the different Masonic bodies at Louisville have taken a renewed interest in our 'Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Preston Lodge No. 281 has fitted up an infirmary; Falls City Lodge No. 376, Louisville Lodge No. 400, King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Eureka Chapter No. 101, the Scottish Rite and Kosiar Temple, the Order of Mystic Shrine, have each fitted up a dormitory in the home. All the work has been done in magnificent style. The action of these bodies should meet with our heartiest approval.

The Old Masons' Home is an institution which is right-fully dear to the hearts of all true Masons. Those of our number who are bowed down by age and infirmity, and are without means and relatives to care for them, have a home provided where they can spend their declining years in peace. In company with P. G. M. R. F. Peak and Bro. Elliott B. Beard, I visited the Old Masons' Home and spent the most pleasant evening with the dear old brothers who are sheltered therein.

This institution was established by the voluntary contributions made by Kentucky Masons and by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and is maintained, in part, by the products of its farm. At the last session of the Grand Lodge, June 24 was set apart to be celebrated for the benefit of the Old Masons' Home, and as directed by the Grand Lodge I addressed a communication to the Craft on January 1, 1906, calling attention to the action of the Grand Lodge, requesting every lodge to raise some money for this charity, and to immediately report to the Grand Secretary. I was informed by the Grand Secretary that forty-three lodges, with other Masonic bodies and brethren, have reported the collection of over \$4,000, which is in his hands subject to the orders of this Grand Lodge, in addition to the subscriptions made direct to the Board of Directors, the amount of which will be reported to you.

The interest manifested in the Widows and Orphans' Home by the different Masonic bodies at Louisville has aroused an interest in the Old Masons' Home, and the Scottish Rite have offered to fit up one of the wards in the new building as soon as it is complete. Bro. Frederick Webber, Secretary General of the Scottish Rite, who lives in Washington City, has also proposed to fit up one of the wards in the new building as soon as it is complete.

Bro. Frank C. Gerard presented the Grand Lodge with a "stonemason's hammer," made of stone, from the quarries in which King Solomon's workmen procured stone to build the Temple.

A revised Constitution was laid over till next meeting.

The Committee on Jurisprudence takes pleasure in stating again that Kentucky does not subscribe to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates.

The following was adopted as a regulation of the Grand Lodge until its next annual communication, and then to be treated as an amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That it shall be unlawful for a Kentucky lodge to receive or accept into its membership one who is engaged!

in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage, except where such manufacture or sale is for medicinal purposes.

Any and all lodges guilty of violating this edict shall forfeit their charters.

Alberta was recognized.

A committee was appointed to formulate plans for greater uniformity in the work.

Their Widows and Orphans Home has 121 girls, 110 boys and 12 widows, all well cared for and happy.

In his review of Iowa, Bro. W. W. Clarke has the following remarks on non-affiliation :

There will always be in every Grand Jurisdiction those who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and the fact should not worry us much. Every lodge should see to it that no worthy member who is not able to pay dues is suspended, and if any have been suspended that they should be speedily be restored, the pitiable residue ought to be suspended and stay suspended ; the lodge doesn't need them, and the order is better without them. There is nothing to worry about ; rather cause for congratulation.

But for the demitted Masons we have a different word. They have met their financial obligations to their lodges, otherwise they could not have obtained their demits. They prefer order membership to lodge membership, and they have a right to exercise this preference, and herein lies our greatest objection to such legislation as the committee had under consideration, and we venture the prediction that ultimately the Grand Lodge of Iowa will find that thereby the evil is not minimized. We hold that no Mason can legally be deprived of a Masonic right or privilege except for correction of a Masonic crime ; and we hold that as an inheritance from his ancient non-lodge-member Masonic ancestor, every Mason has the right to membership in the order unless deprived thereof by correction for Masonic dereliction. Further, these lamentations over the prevalence of non-affiliation is an admission on the part of the order that it is not meeting or performing the conditions of its existence—it is not satisfying the desires and cravings of the human heart, or else by its drastic legislation it is driving out of it, from a sense of injustice, those who should be in it. Make your lodges what they ought to be ; let its members see that in Masonry there is something more than its ceremonies of initiation, which, by repetition, become tiresome, and we are of the opinion that such self-incriminating complaints will be heard no more.

Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1905.

Lodges, 501 ; members, 28,593 ; increase, 1601.

Samuel K. Veach, (Carlisle), G. M.

H. B. Grant, (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

95th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 4. 1907.

L. C. Allen, G. M.

On the work of the Louisiana Relief Lodge, Bro. Allen says :

It is my privilege this year to convey the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the officers of this lodge and to commend them for their zealous discharge of every duty. Only those who come in close touch with the work of the Louisiana Relief Lodge can understand and appreciate the great work they are doing. I might enumerate hundreds of cases where this lodge, through its officers, have relieved the distresses, buried the dead, and, in many ways, ministered to the wants of the needy. No need to sing their praises here. In the great beyond, where the records are accurately kept, the officers of the Louisiana Relief Lodge will receive their reward.

I commend the generosity of individual lodges and members who have contributed liberally towards the support of this lodge.

This Relief Lodge was founded in 1854, and is the only lodge in the world organized for such a purpose and operating under a charter from the State. Its labors are varied and consist in relieving distress in every form. "Saving the body of the stranger from an unknown grave, ministering to the wants of the living and speeding the stranded wayfarer on his homeward way." It is supported by voluntary contributions from lodges and individuals and at least \$500 per year from the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master says that their Committee on Work has given them "the smoothest, most beautiful and most perfect esoteric work in the world." Seven new lodges were formed.

Alberta was recognized.

A resolution to prohibit lodge meetings on Sundays was lost by a vote of 205 to 270.

In his review of California, Bro. Herman C. Duncan has the following sensible remarks on Life Membership :

The Grand Lodge adopted a regulation for the creation of life members. It is very nearly like the Arizona proposition. The percentage expected to be earned is 6 per cent. This is much more reasonable than the Arizona 8 per cent. expectation, but both are too high. There is, however, a fatal error in the proposition—to wit, the expectation that money will always be worth 8 and 6 per cent. There was a time when Louisiana's best securities paid 10 per cent. They now bear 4 and 5. Everybody knows that the United States can get all the money it needs for 2 per cent. So the day may be

anticipated in California when its state and municipal securities will carry 4 or perhaps 2 per cent., and the income of the lodges from the life membership securities will not bring the income now estimated. It is true the death angel will lend his help to keep the balance true, but we must admit that we are not enamored of a scheme that is so largely dependent upon the unerring archer.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive due attention.

Lodges, 179; members, 10,584; increase, 831.

Lee E. Thomas, (Shreveport), G. M.

Richard Lambert, (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

87th Communication, Portland, May 1, 1906.

Hugh R. Chaplin, G. M.

On the issue of special dispensations, the Grand Master has the following sensible remarks :

I have refused a great many requests for dispensations, which would, in some respect, set aside a provision of the Constitution or some law of Masonry. In each case I have tried to do what I believed to be for the best interest of our institution.

The Constitution was adopted and it is continued in force by the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge has a right to demand a full compliance with all its provisions. The Constitution, as the supreme law of this jurisdiction, in my opinion, does and should control the Grand Master as well as any other Mason. True, the Grand Master may, if he sees fit, in the exercise of the great power with which he is invested, issue a dispensation which may allow action, in certain particulars, contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, but it is my firm conviction that he should not do so except under very extraordinary circumstances.

For instance, some person who has had plenty of time to make application, so that his application could take the usual course, for reasons which have controlled him, has neglected to do so. He suddenly finds out that he is about to move away, and at the ninth hour he or somebody for him asks for a dispensation which will allow his application to be received and a ballot to be taken upon it at one and the same meeting.

In other words, the request is to have our general laws set aside in order that he may go away a Mason. If he goes into another jurisdiction, surely he can do Masonry in this State but little if any good. If he is only moving into the jurisdiction of another lodge in this State it will cause him only a little inconvenience to comply with our laws. In refusing dispensations in such cases I am frank to confess that convenience to the candidate has had little or no influence upon me. I have been guided rather by the idea that if a candidate really wishes to become a Mason, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he easily can and gladly will comply with our laws relating to his admission, and that the dignity of our institution demands that he should do so.

Bro. Chaplin also states clearly the position of the Grand Lodge of Maine on Masonic relief and re-imbursement :

The Grand Lodge of Maine holds that a lodge which assists a Mason has no claim for re-imbursement upon any other lodge, including the lodge to which the brother who was assisted belongs, unless the lodge against which the claim is made, promised, before the assistance was given, to reimburse the lodge which rendered the assistance.

This Grand Lodge is opposed to the doctrine, which has lately appeared, that when a man becomes a Mason he thereby becomes entitled to be relieved to the full extent of his wants, when in distress, even to his full support. In fact the Grand Lodge of Maine has repudiated that doctrine.

This Grand Lodge holds that a Mason's right to relief is limited by the extent of his distress and by the ability of the brother who assists, of which said ability the assisting brother is the sole judge under his Masonic obligation.

This Grand Lodge has resolved and holds,

"That the association of Masons in a lodge in no manner relieves them from their individual obligations, and that when they act as a lodge their duty and therefore that of the lodge is precisely the same as that of the individual. Masonic relief is never purchased or sold and therefore never creates a debt."

I make special mention of this because all of us desire to have the fundamental principles of our institution preserved, and because some Masons, even in this jurisdiction, seem to specially persist in trying to nullify or override the particular principles above stated. We should all be on our guard to prevent any such thing.

Further time was granted to the Committee to prepare regulations governing the admission of visitors.

The proposal to join in a Collegium of Grand Lecturers was declined.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Albro E. Chase. He reviews Canada for 1905, with numerous extracts.

Lodges, 202; members, 25,889; increase, 582.

Charles F. Johnson, (Waterville), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

31st Communication, Winnipeg, June 13. 1906.

William G. Scott, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is an able and scholarly document. Bro. Scott was Grand Secretary for a number of years, and his experience and ability were of

great service to the Craft. On the condition of affairs, he says :

As the official head of Masonry in this jurisdiction permit me to congratulate you that we are permitted to assemble under such favorable auspices. Time's unceasing flow has brought a wealth of material blessing to our beloved country. We have been blessed with peace and the labors of our husbandmen have been rewarded with bounteous crops. Our our Canadian west has been richly favored, never before in its history has such a rich harvest been garnered, never before have our granaries been so full, and meeting as we do in the leafy month of June, when every tree and shrub is clothed in the richness of its summer garb, with the prairies fresh and green, and the grain fields presenting a display of agricultural capabilities which gives promise of a most bounteous harvest, may well lead us to believe that we are fortunate in having our homes in this "garden spot of the world." Wonderful indeed are the changes that are taking place in this western land. The territory embraced in our Masonic jurisdiction is developing immense resources, the population is rapidly increasing and transportation facilities are bringing the remotest sections into close proximity to the commercial world. Our vast prairies are rapidly being brought under cultivation and will in a few years produce sufficient food to supply the millions of Europe.

Masonry is keeping pace with the advancement of the country, as at no time in the history of our Grand Lodge have we enjoyed an era of greater material prosperity, no strife or ill-will has been engendered among the brethren, harmony and good will prevail throughout the jurisdiction. On every hand there are promises of increased growth. Our ranks are being augmented by the addition of worthy men from every vocation in life. As Freemasons, therefore, we have cause for great gratitude for our present position.

He recommended the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Alberta and suggests a generous division of the funds.

He issued dispensations for eleven new lodges, seven of them in the new Province of Saskatchewan.

The two lodges in the Yukon Territory are reported in excellent condition. The trip from Dawson to Whitehorse and return consumes eight days. The brethren of Dawson have spent upwards of \$4,000 lately in improving their lodge hall.

Alberta was recognized and the application of Queensland was deferred.

Lodges, 86; members, 4,410; decrease, 376. This decrease, of course, is owing to the separation of the lodges in Alberta.

John McKechnie, (Winnipeg), G. M.

James A. Ovas, (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

120th Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 20, 1906.

Thomas J. Shyrock, G. M.

It does not appear that any address was delivered by the Grand Master, and the proceedings are very brief. The 32 lodges in Baltimore are reported in good condition. No cases of grievance or complaints came before the Committee. The Lodge of Relief, which is composed of one representative from each of the City lodges, assisted 45 cases, besides taking care of a number from other jurisdictions.

Alberta was recognized. The request of Queensland was refused.

A Committee was appointed to consider the establishment of a Masonic Home.

A large number of veterans were present as visitors, one of them being 94 years of age, another a few years younger, and a third 84.

At the Semi-annual Communication in May a revised Constitution was adopted. The representatives of each lodge have, in Grand Lodge, collectively, one vote, and the Past Masters of each lodge have, collectively, one vote. If either the representatives of the Past Masters are evenly divided on any question the vote is lost. The minimum fee for the three degrees is \$50 in Baltimore and \$25 for the country lodges. The Grand Lodge fee on each initiation is \$7 in the city and \$5 in the country, and the dues \$2.20 and \$1.50 respectively.

Bro. Edward T. Schultz presented his twentieth report on Correspondence. His long experience and great ability have made his reports very valuable. He is conservative in his opinions and believes thoroughly in Ancient Freemasonry pure and undefiled. In his review of Delaware he says:

We regard it an inalienable right of a member of a lodge to object to the presence of one not a member thereof.

The name of a visiting brother is announced to my lodge. I object to his admission. The Worshipful Master asks me to state my objection. I reply, the information I have regarding the character of this brother was given to me in strict confidence, I cannot disclose it without a violation of that confidence, or I may say, to disclose what I know regarding his brother will bring shame and confusion to innocent persons. The Master says: "You must state your objection, otherwise I will admit him." I reply, "Well, sir, I can-

not conscientiously sit in a lodge with him ; if he is admitted I must retire." He is admitted, and I retire and perhaps other brethren who have knowledge of the unsavory character of the brother likewise retire. Are not the peace and harmony of the lodge seriously disturbed thereby ? Is not the great importance of harmony strongly impressed upon the minds of brethren at the opening and closing of every lodge meeting ?

Canada for 1905 has a good notice. Bro. Schultz agrees with us in saying that when a Grand Lodge is "called off" it is still "open." In fact, a Grand Lodge is open until it is closed. This sounds rather like an axiom, but there is no Grand Lodge that we know of that does Masonic work when it is not open, except, perhaps, in Mexico.

Lodges, 110; members, 11,580; increase, 523.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G. M.

William M. Isaac (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in Boston on June 19, 1906, an address on Early Masonic History in America was delivered by Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, from which we make the following extracts. The whole address is very interesting and instructive, but much too long for our limited space:

We have the oldest Masonic records that are in existence on this continent. The first volume contains the records of the "Modern" Grand Lodge, which was established by Henry Price, under authority of the Grand Master of England, in 1733. This is the volume (showing to the brethren the volume referred to). The contemporaneous record commences in 1750. There were certain previous pages left blank for the insertion of documents and items of history which might be presented to the Grand Secretary during his administration, and which he might think it desirable to perpetuate by entering them in the records. They were probably modeled after the records of the Grand Lodge of England. I never saw the latter, but Grand Master Heard, Grand Master in 1857, 1858 and 1859, published in Moore's Magazine an article, reprinted afterwards in connection with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1871, in which he gave a fair account, I think, of what he found in the earliest records of that Grand Lodge. Their early pages were taken up largely with lists of lodges, even given the lists of members of those lodges. But our records contain nothing of that kind.

The record proper, as I have said, commences in April, 1750, and in the ten or twelve previous pages are the deputations to Henry Price and two of his successors. There is also

some account of the organization, under Price's authority, of the First Lodge in Boston, which he constituted on the thirtieth of August, 1733.

We have also the record of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, the whole of which is contained in this volume (holding up volume), which has been recently bound. We found that it was falling to pieces, and for its preservation we had a new cover put upon it. This Provincial Grand Lodge was organized by Joseph Warren on the twenty-seventh of December, 1769, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was from its inception an "Ancient" Masonic organization. You know that the "Ancient" organization sprang from certain Irish Masons, who, about 1738 or 1740, brought to London the Royal Arch Degree, and they were always very strenuous to have it connected with the Third Degree. The proposal and the ritual that they presented and that they claimed to work did not meet with favor by the old Grand Lodge. The consequence was that, after considerable wrangling and ill-feeling, a new and opposition Grand Lodge was started against the old Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary, Laurence Dermott, who was a shrewd, able man, took advantage of changes that are said to have been made in the words of the three degrees—the old Grand Lodge having, it is said, transferred the word of the second to the first degree, in order to detect applicants to visit their lodges who belonged to the new association.

The "Ancient" Grand Lodge of London was probably organized about 1751 or 1752. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had always been friendly to this new movement, and eventually became known themselves as "Ancient" Masons.

All these facts seem to me to prove conclusively that our claim to have had the first regularly constituted lodge in this country is sound. That is all we have ever claimed—that the first regularly constituted lodge in America received its authority from Henry Price. That lodge was called the First Lodge in Boston. Often in the records it is described as "The Mother Lodge." In 1749 Thomas Oxnard granted a warrant for the second lodge. In 1783, John Rowe, Provincial Grand Master, granted a charter for these two lodges to unite, upon their petition, and the charter recites in full the request of these two lodges, naming the brethren who were prominent in them and who signed the petition. That lodge is still in existence, under the name of John's Lodge of Boston, certainly the oldest regularly constituted lodge existing in this country. It is in a very flourishing state, one of the largest lodges in our jurisdiction.

The principal meeting in the year is the quarterly in December, when the Grand Master delivers his annual address and the new officers are elected.

The address of M. W. Bro. John Albert Blake on December 12, 1906, is chiefly taken up with details of his visitations and other official business. He issued a dispensation for a new lodge in the Canal Zone on the Isthmus of Panama.

Every elected Grand officer received a unanimous vote, a circumstance which is believed to be unprecedented in their Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 243; members, 50,308.

John A. Blake (Malden), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

62nd Communication, Grand Rapids, May 22, 1906.

John Rowson, G. M.

The losses by death during the year include five Past Grand Masters, one of them being Bro. John W. McGrath, who was well and favorably known to many Canadians. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, Past Grand Chaplain, will also be remembered by many of our Grand Lodge for his genial and happy disposition, as well as for his ability and zeal in the work of the Craft. An elaborate memorial service was held in Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master reports seven new lodges.

On the exchange of lodge visits and the performance of work in other jurisdictions, Bro. Rowson says:

I find that Worshipful Masters and the officers of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are receiving visits from lodges in sister Grand Jurisdictions; are allowing the degrees to be conferred in their lodge rooms upon our material strictly against their obligation and instructions when installed into office. Such visits have been repeatedly denied by this Grand Lodge. Return visits have been made to these sister Grand Jurisdictions when the officers have exemplified the Michigan work upon a candidate of theirs. Why the officers persist in violating the orders of this Grand Lodge I fail to understand.

My brothers, pay your visits to foreign or sister Grand Jurisdictions, witness the exemplification of their work in their home lodges, where it can be done much more satisfactorily than away from home; extend your invitation to them to return the visits and show them Michigan work done in a Michigan lodge upon a Michigan novice by an up-to-date Michigan lodge. Then you will receive the encomium of this Grand Lodge.

Their Masonic Home has 51 inmates, and the average weekly per capita cost of maintenance was \$3.60. This is about 5 per cent. greater than the previous year, owing mainly to the increased cost of supplies.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The proposal of Colorado for a Collegium of Grand

Lecturers was disapproved by the adoption of the following report:

The work in the several Grand Jurisdictions is not uniform, and inasmuch as the Grand Lecturers have no power to make changes in the ritual, your committee can see no reason why the proposed action should be taken, and recommend that the same be disapproved.

On canvassing for office the following edict was adopted:

Sending out letters, circulars or solicitations of support for any office in this Grand Lodge, by or on behalf of any brother desiring to be elected to such office, is hereby strictly prohibited, and the same is hereby made a Masonic offense, for which charges may be preferred and punishment inflicted by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor reports on Correspondence and gives lengthy extracts from our Proceedings of 1905.

Lodges, 399; members, 53,795; increase, 1,924.

Charles L. Stevens (Detroit), G. M.

Lou B. Winsor (Reed City), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

54th Communication, St. Paul, January 23, 1907.

Thomas Morris, G. M.

The address is a concise narrative of official acts, and it conveys the idea of an efficient and useful officer. Harmony prevails and the lodges are in good condition.

In the matter of life membership, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved, That any action heretofore taken by any lodge, with reference to the issuance of Life Membership Certificates, and the exemption of its members from paying lodge dues on that account, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

2. Resolved, That any lodge is hereby authorized, at its option, to issue Life Membership Certificates to such members as shall have paid dues in said lodge for at least twenty-five consecutive years.

3. Resolved, That any lodge by-law not in accordance with the last resolution is hereby declared invalid.

A special committee was appointed to report on a better plan for lodge supervision and instruction, in lieu of the present system of District Deputies.

Alberta was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, and reviews our Proceedings of 1906.

Lodges, 245; members, 22,014; increase, 888.
Gustaf Widell (Mankato), G. M.
Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

89th Communication, Natchez, February 19, 1907.
Charles H. Blum, G. M.

We quote his eloquent exordium:

In all frankness, I say to you, that the more I learn of Masonry, the more I realize the lofty claims of the mother of faiths upon the affections of men, I see more and more clearly that we stand together, shoulder to shoulder, upon the questions of moral life and human conduct and that Masonry goes back to the fountain head of religious inspiration and its voice is the echo of the loftiest Sinaitic revelation. Well recompensed can my people feel for the loss of Jerusalem, the Temple, the Ark of the Covenant, and all the crown jewels of King Solomon, for they are untouched by time and unimpaired by the wear and tear of centuries; and have defied the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and have floated irresistibly down the ocean of time, while other nationalities more powerful than they have passed away like a tale that is told, and they know and rejoice in the fact that they have left an honorable mark upon every branch of human activity and have given religion to the civilized world and have taught the doctrine of universal brotherhood on earth by the advocacy of faith in the one Father in heaven, yet they delight in the privilege of joining brothers in the Grand Temple of Masonry, where all sincere worshipers are moved by the highest dictates of integrity, philanthropy, culture, patriotism, and fellowship glows more brilliant and precious than the lost crown jewels of King Solomon, and men may gain a glimpse of the greatness and the glory of the Kingdom of God on earth. To them the endorsement of Masonry by the similarity of ideas, principles and symbols is a splendid compensation for what the world has made them suffer in return for all the gifts they brought, and if things equal to the same thing are equal to each other then must we all alike become

“One in hatred of all wrong,
One in an love of all things sweet and fair,
One with the joy that breaketh into song,
One with the grief that trembles into prayer,
One in the power that makes thy children free
To follow truth and thus to follow Thee.”

The state of the Craft is set forth in detail in the report of the standing committee on that subject, which concludes as follows:

Reviewing the summary: So much as relates to the value of lodge interest in their buildings, and those that owned and gave no estimate, and those not reporting, your committee

confidently believes that the value of such property within this Grand Jurisdiction will exceed \$200,000.00.

It is with feeling of gratification to note that our lodges are exercising more prudence in the selection of their officers, that Masters are more discreet in the appointment of all committees, keeping in view at all times the best interests of the lodges over which they preside, and more care is taken on petition and applications than heretofore ; that harmony prevails ; that membership is increasing ; that visiting brethren are critically examined.

Financial condition of lodges is fairly good ; some report investments, some funds in treasury, and a great many even, which in most cases is accounted for by liberal dispensation of charity.

Alberta and Valle de Mexico were both recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Harry T. Howard. For a first attempt it is very good indeed. The extracts are judiciously made and the comments show a power of reasoning and a large modicum of common sense. We copy the conclusion :

The subjects now taking up the attention of the Grand Lodges of the United State sare :

I. The regulations governing the admission of visiting brethren.

Mississippi has already regulated this vexed question to her satisfaction, if not to that of the visitors.

II. The report of the Grand Lodge of Alabama asking that Benjamin Franklin's natal day be made a Masonic Memorial Day.

Your Committee do not deem it necessary to institute memorial days for any one among the Craft at large.

III. The communication from the Grand Lodge of Colorado, proposing the formation of a Collegium of Grand Lecturers, for the purpose of having only one Masonic ritual.

We agree with Bro. Morcombe, of Iowa, that Grand Lecturers are not the ones best qualified to discuss or pass upon Masonic ritual.

As a rule lecturers are concerned only in juggling with words. Symbols to them mean nothing.

If the ritual is to be reduced to one for the million of Masons in the States, Clandestine Masonry would leap forward with renewed vigor. Our safety is in our division. If the ritual must be changed let the Masonic scholars do the work and not the Masonic actors.

IV. The Masonic Congress in 1917, to celebrate the Bi-Centenary anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, is another far-off event that is casting its shadow across the troubled waters of the annual reviewers.

It is so far away, ten years, that we still have time to think with our heads and not with our hearts.

V. A number of Grand Lodges do not recognize a Grand Lodge that is formed of lodges chartered by the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite, although they have severed their connection with the bodies that granted their charters.

These conservatives hold that such bodies are irregular in parentage and organization. We do not agree with them and have recognized some of these Grand Bodies, being convinced that by so doing we have helped real Masonic growth.

VI. The last subject is the Grand Lodge Alpina.

This Grand Lodge has brought together some twenty Grand Lodges, among them is the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodge Alpina admits that the Grand Orient of France was wrong about the open Bible, and then attempts to excuse it.

As long as the Grand Orient of France is recognized and admitted we had better stay home with our brethren.

Lodges, 317; members, 14,371; increase, 1,119.

Henry C. Yawn (Lumberton), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

MISSOURI.

86th Communication, Kansas City, September 25, 1906.

A. S. Houston, G. M.

He reports general prosperity and 15 new lodges.

Handsome jewels were presented to all the living Past Grand Masters, 16 in number.

The following report was adopted:

Brethren, your Committee on Recognition of such Foreign Grand Lodges as have not heretofore been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Missouri report as follows:

We have reviewed several reports on foreign correspondence published in various Grand Lodge Proceedings, and also circular letters, for the purpose of gaining information concerning such Foreign Grand Lodges as have not heretofore been recognized by this Grand Lodge. We have not been able to gain satisfactory information concerning several foreign Grand Lodges which occupy positions of prominence in the Masonic world.

Among the several foreign Grand Lodges considered by your committee is the Grand Lodge Alpina, located at Berne, Switzerland. Concerning this Grand Lodge a most interesting circular containing its Masonic relations, published under date of June 25, 1905, has been submitted, and in the light of information contained in such publication your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland is in continual affiliation with the Grand Orient of France and other foreign Grand Lodges not recognized by this Grand Lodge; and further, we are constrained in the opinion that, for the present, no fraternal relations should be established between the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the State of Missouri.

The following resolution having been submitted to this committee, we heartily approve the same, and recommend its adoption:

Whereas, It is currently reported in the Masonic press that the Grand Lodges of Germany have agreed, through a Conference Committee, to recognize the Grand Lodge of France; and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of France does not require a belief in God as a test of membership, atheists being admitted, and the Holy Bible is not one of the three great Lights upon the altar, and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri is in fraternal affiliation with the Grand Lodges of Germany, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to ascertain, through the proper channels, the truth or falsity of this report of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France by the Grand Lodges of Germany, and if such report is true the Grand Master shall declare the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodges of Germany by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri to be terminated.

A remarkable showing appears in the fact that all of the 569 lodges made their returns. This supposedly impossible result was accomplished by the indefatigable Grand Secretary, aided by the active co-operation of the District Deputies.

Bro. R. E. Anderson reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1905, giving numerous extracts, with complimentary comments.

Lodges, 585; members, 42,954; increase, 1,857.

David M. Wilson (Milan), G. M.

John R. Parson (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

42nd Communication, Helena, September 19, 1906.

Henry L. Frank, G. M.

The Grand Master visited 48 lodges and is enthusiastic over the wonderful progress and zeal which he found and the interest manifested by the members. Three new lodges were opened; one of them is named Ponemah, an Indian word meaning "the hereafter."

Alberta and Queensland were recognized.

Their new Masonic Home is to be located on 590 acres, 8 miles from Helena, purchased at a cost of \$10,000, the city of Helena giving a bonus of \$5,000. The building is to cost about \$23,000, and will accommodate 30 inmates.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1905 Bro. Cornelius Hedges says:

From present indications another fifty years will pass before the Dominion will become an independent nation, a

second United States, a peer of Great Britain and our United States, and a connecting link between the two.

A statement of the amounts contributed by the Grand Lodge of Canada for benevolence during its fifty years' existence shows the considerable sum of \$326,739.33. This is a more creditable monument to Masonry than the finest temple they could have erected.

As a fitting memorial of the semi-centennial occasion, a general effort was made to raise an endowment fund of \$100,000. Subscriptions received amounted to \$21,361. Endowment funds are good things to tide over emergencies, but future generations will undoubtedly be better able to provide for their wants than the present one.

We would like to oblige Bro. Hedges, but our Semi-Centennial medals were strictly limited to those who were present on that occasion.

Lodges, 65; members, 4,421; increase, 194.

A. D. Macdonald (Kalispell), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

49th Communication, Omaha, June 5, 1906.

Melville R. Hopewell, G. M.

The great majority of the lodges have been well attended and are growing in membership. They are supplied with up-to-date furniture and paraphernalia. Many of them own their buildings. The brethren are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry and are earnest in their endeavors to be worthy members of the fraternity.

At the close of his remarks on the visitation of lodges, the Grand Master says:

Oakland, No. 91, and George Armstrong, No. 241, I feel a peculiar interest in, for the reason that I assisted in starting them. They are both excellent lodges. Each has at its head a genuine Masonic crank, who labors incessantly for the good of the Craft and obliges his subordinate officers to do likewise. The consequence is there is no loitering or indifference in the lodge room; but all is activity and enthusiasm.

Here let me say I wish we had more cranks in the Master's chair. We would have more good lodges. The Master cannot do all the work; but he can do a great deal. A lodge never goes of inanition that has a wide-awake master. It is an impossibility. He will not only do his part, but he will stir up the brethren to do theirs, and when officers and members alike do their full duty the lodge grows and prospers just as surely as sunshine and rain bring forth vegetation.

Their Home is flourishing. The new building, erected at a cost of \$15,000, furnishes accommodation for 20 ad-

ditional guests. There are now 25 residents, all apparently contented and happy. The cost of maintaining the Home is given as equivalent to \$206 for one person for one year.

Alberta was recognized and the application of Queensland was deferred.

The permanent endowment of the Orphans' Educational Fund was fixed at \$50,000. Grand Lodge transferred \$2,000 from its general fund to this special fund.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905.

Lodges, 236; members, 15,163; increase, 444.

Zuingle M. Baird (Hartington), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

42nd Communication, Reno, June 13, 1906.

Charles A. Beemer, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

From personal observation during my visitations and correspondence with those lodges which I was unable to visit, I am happy to be able to say that the lodges are in a fairly prosperous condition, that perfect harmony and good fellowship prevails among them, and the individual members thereof; that a fair amount of work has been performed during the year; that the returns show an increase in membership over that of the previous year, and that perfect harmony exists between this and sister jurisdictions.

Our Copy of these Proceedings is defective, all the pages after page 32 being omitted.

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1905 has due notice.

Lodges, 23; members, 1,113; increase, 83.

Walter J. Harris (Reno), G. M.

C. N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

117th Communication, Concord, May 16, 1906.

Ira A. Chase, G. M.

In his opening he says:

You are assembled for the transaction of important business pertaining to the welfare and perpetuity of the fraternity. In these days much is said and written about world-powers.

Freemasonry is indeed a world-power in the best and truest sense of that term, for its influence and power for good among men are world-wide. From the rising to the setting sun, on every continent, on the islands of the sea, Freemasons are frequently assembling as you are to-day, in Grand Lodge, or in particular lodge, or by twos and threes, for the propagation of Masonic tenets and truths and the dissemination of the excellent principles inculcated by our Order, that make for the reign of peace on earth and goodwill among men.

Bro. Chase is proud of their Masonic Home and of the good work it is doing to those who have been unfortunate. We also copy part of the conclusion of his excellent address:

The outlook for the future is bright and the prospect very encouraging, our noble institution is based upon broad principles and ever living truths. Its scope is so broad that it rises far above the commercialism and selfishness of the age into the higher and nobler realms of thought and action. More fully than any other institution, except the Christian Church, it meets the desire which exists in every human breast for universal brotherhood. The trust imposed in us is great. Very great is the responsibility.

To a certain extent the honor and dignity of Masonry and the maintenance of a high standard of life and example devolve upon each individual Freemason.

Human progress depends upon the possession of high and noble ideals and never rises above the ideals. The ideals of Freemasonry are very lofty and grand.

Moral and social improvement, otherwise called progress, is not yet accomplished. The ideal has not yet been attained, hence there still is work to be done by us as Masons. Masonry is said to be a progressive moral science. There is yet room for progress. With reverence toward God and love for man, Freemasonry is humanitarian and sociological. The personal and social well-being of man in a great measure prepares him for another life by teaching him how to make this life a good one.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

Section 115. No candidate whose application may be rejected by a lodge shall be initiated in any lodge other than the one which rejected him, within five years after such rejection, unless the lodge recommend him to another lodge by a unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by the secret ballot, at a stated communication, notice thereof having been given at a previous stated communication. And if any Mason knowingly assist, or recommend for initiation, to any lodge whatever, any candidate, rejected as aforesaid, except as above provided, such Mason shall be expelled from the institution.

Suitable aprons were ordered for presentation to all their Past Grand Masters.

Bro. A. S. Wait again reports on Correspondents and reviews our Proceedings of 1905. We regret to notice that severe and protracted illness has caused the brevity of his report.

Lodges, 79; members, 9,695; increase, 130.

William A. Plummer (Laconia), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

119th Communication, Trenton, May 21, 1906.

Benjamin F. Wakefield, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

The reports from the District Deputies agree that in most of our lodges there has been, during the past year, a decided gain in membership and the work well rendered. Good feeling and harmony rules to a marked degree. Many of the Deputies have conducted lodges or schools of instruction, where the officers and members of the lodges have the opportunity of acquiring the ritual correctly. Some of these meetings have been largely attended and have been productive of much good.

The present corps of Deputies may have been equalled, but never excelled in earnest work for the correct rendition of the ritual and for loyalty to the teachings of our time-honored institution.

Their Masonic Home has 69 inmates. The cost of maintenance was \$198.71 per capita, a very substantial reduction from any other year.

It was resolved to exchange representatives with the four German Grand Lodges.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Queensland, Porto Rico, Valle de Mexico, Germany, Frankfort, Darmstadt and Hamburg.

Bro. Robert A. Sherrefs reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905.

Lodges, 181; members, 24,973; increase, 1,486.

Walter Chandler (Elizabeth), G. M.

Thomas H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

29th Communication, Albuquerque, October 15, 1906.

James G. Fitch, G. M.

The substantial growth which Masonry has made in this jurisdiction during the past year is very gratifying.

The eastern part of the State is being rapidly settled with enterprising and intelligent citizens. The Grand Master visited all the lodges except two.

Alberta and Valle de Mexico were both recognized.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1905, Bro. James H. Wroth says:

As in all other lines this Grand Lodge is unusually strong on the question of benevolence and charity, and we desire to call favorable attention to the report of the Treasurer in which recipients are designated by initials of their names alone. This seems to me a proper consideration for their feelings.

Lodges, 26; members, 1,629; increase, 141.

A. N. Pratt (Carlsbad), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings for the year ended June, 1906.

Four quarterly meetings and two specials.

The total number of lodges in active work is 206, an increase of five during the year.

Subscribing members number 11,141, an increase of 631 since the last annual report.

Grand Lodge Fund increased by £319 to £3,904.

Benevolent Fund increased by £1,218 to £11,982.

Freemasons' Orphan Society increased by £935 to £27,168.

Freemasons' Benevolent Institution increased by £580 to £8,999.

The territory is divided into metropolitan and 23 country districts, under inspectors, whose quarterly reports are embodied in the Proceedings.

Quarterly, September 13, 1905.

J. C. Remington, G. M.

We quote one paragraph from the address:

In the marked advancement of the Craft in Australasia under local government, we have ample justification, if such were needed, for the encouragement we of New South Wales have always given to the establishment of Sovereign Grand Lodges in all Australian Territories, as soon as the brethren found their lodges sufficiently numerous and strong to warrant the success of the step.

Quarterly, December 5, 1905.

The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland

appears to have given umbrage to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which withdrew the commission of their Grand Representative. The following minute was ordered to be sent in reply:

This letter, dated 28th August, 1905, and received here yesterday, being a formal announcement of the Grand Lodge of Scotland's withdrawal of her representative's commission, should, I think, be acknowledged with an expression of courteous regret that such an extreme step should have been taken without asking for any information throwing light upon the matter in question. It might be well, however, to point out that:

1. The Grand Lodge of Queensland was declared formed, and, in our opinion, was regularly formed on the 25th April, 1904, and its members thereupon immediately ceased to be subject to any other jurisdiction. It can hardly be seriously contended that "legality" or "regularity" depends upon subsequent "recognition."

2. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales, on appeal for recognition, postponed the question until September, 1904, when, on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, it was granted.

3. It followed that, as a matter of courtesy, I could scarcely refuse to instal the Grand Master, especially as our Grand Lodge was fully convinced that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was in the best interests of Freemasonry in that territory.

4. We had not then, and have not now, any official notification that the Grand Lodge of England has suspended or expelled anybody in this connection.

5. The letter, now under acknowledgment, is the first intimation received of suspensions by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, unless the printed Proceedings of her Grand Committee, in July, 1904, are to be regarded. Even so, however, the brethren could only be viewed as excluded from lodges under the Scottish Constitution, and this after they had removed themselves from her jurisdiction by joining in forming the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which we certainly do not regard as a Masonic offence.

6. The only intimation we have had of any expulsion from the Craft is contained in the report of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dated 15th March, 1905, which reached Sydney on the 25th of April last, i. e., twelve months after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, of which by the way the brother said to have been expelled never was an officer.

7. The Grand Lodge of Scotland may possibly be under the impression that we are unfriendly to her daughter lodges in Queensland, which still maintain their allegiance to their old Constitution. Nothing could be farther from the truth. We will continue to welcome their members as visitors, and to assist their poor and distressed brethren upon proper occasions; but we still believe, and recent disclosures have only strengthened that belief, that local Masonic government by a

Grand Lodge is in the best interests of the Craft in Queensland, as it has proved to be in every other territory in Australasia.

J. C. REMINGTON,

Sydney, 5th October, 1906.

Grand Master.

Quarterly, March 14, 1906.

A new lodge, No. 243, Lake Macquarie, was opened by the Grand Master at Toronto on 16th December, and the handsome little lodge room, erected by the members themselves, was formally consecrated.

The Grand Inspector of Workings reports that in a majority of the lodges visited the ritual work has been very good and beyond the ordinary standard.

At a Special Communication on April 24, 1906, His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, K. C. B., was duly installed as Grand Master. A number of distinguished visitors were present, including the Grand Masters of Victoria and Queensland.

The report on Correspondence was prepared by a committee of five, of whom Bro. Thomas L. Rowbotham was chairman. Our Proceedings of 1905 are well noticed.

Arthur H. Bray (Sidney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

125th Communication, New York, May 1, 1906.

Frank H. Robinson, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, P. G. M., Superintendent of the Masonic Home at Utica and Chairman of Correspondence for fifteen years. His reports were always interesting and displayed great learning and ability.

Last year an Act was passed by the State Legislature making it a crime to obtain signatures to applications or money for pretended secrets of a secret fraternal organization having a Grand Lodge without authority from said Grand Lodge.

The subscriptions of lodges and brethren to the California relief fund were over \$39,000.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The Home has 309 inmates, and the per capita cost of maintenance for the year was \$204.06.

Among the distinguished visitors present were M. W. Bros. James H. Burritt, G. M., and Benjamin Allen, P. G. M., who were cordially welcomed.

We copy the report of the Custodians of the Work :

First. That no alteration or modification of the esoteric work has been made or authorized, nor has any been suggested or contemplated.

Second. That, conformably with the requirements of Rule of Order XII., Section 10, the Grand Lecturer exemplified the "work" taught by him, prior to commencing his last series of conventions. He was found to be in full possession of the standard work as adopted in and for this jurisdiction.

Third. That the recent conventions—which have been held in every district—were well attended, and the Grand Lecturer gave general satisfaction by reason of the courteous and capable manner in which he conducted them and imparted the "work."

Fourth. In our last report we stated that a complete revision of the Monitor had been made, and that the next edition would contain "the old burial service and the address relative to the Holy Bible," and we then expected that the revised Monitor would have been issued prior to the resumption of labor in the fall. Since that report was read the entire subject has again been most carefully examined, revised and perfected with the assistance of the Advisory Committee. Not only have the contents been thoroughly traversed, but the phraseology has been improved in grammatical construction, incongruities eliminated so that—when published—it will be found to have been brought up to the present, as well as the future, needs of the fraternity.

The Monitor will contain the exoteric portion of the three degrees, the installation of lodge officers, the old burial service, and the prerogatives of the Worshipful Master. It will not contain the ceremonials exclusively appertaining to Grand Lodge functions.

We take this opportunity of returning our appreciative acknowledgments to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the members of the Advisory Committee for their valuable suggestions and assistance in the revision now finished, and feel assured that the brethren will be satisfied when the result of these deliberations are before them.

In the Monitor will appear certain new matter, which will prove interesting, but in every case the old forms are given precedence, the new being alternative and optional.

Fifth. We recommend the adoption of the Monitor in its present revised form, and that the matter of its issuance be referred to the Grand Master and this Committee, so that its typography and arrangement may be as free from errors as possible; that it be issued in season for the use of the Craft when labor is resumed next fall, and that it be disseminated from the office of the Grand Secretary in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

Canada for 1905 receives fraternal mention.

In the review of the Grand Lodge of Hesse-Darmstadt we find the following:

After a lively discussion it was resolved to vote against the recognition of the Grande Loge de France, especially as this Grand Body largely deals with political questions and never apologized for the insults against the King and the Crown Prince of Prussia—then the two most prominent members of the German Craft—offered by several Paris lodges in 1870.

We also quote from the review of the Grand Orient of Belgium:

This is the supreme body in Belgium for the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, was founded February 25, 1831, and controls 19 lodges.

There appears to be an aim to make the position of woman in the institution equal to that of man. The lodge at Alone, "La parfaite Union," discussed the subject, "The undoubted need of women participating in Masonic rites," during the past year, and distinctly favored the project.

Lodges, 772; members, 139,203; increase, 6,516.

Townsend Scudder (Glen Head), G. M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

This volume is beautifully embellished with portraits of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Secretary and other Grand officers.

17th Communication, Christchurch, May 10, 1906.

Alfred H. Burton, G. M.

Their system of government has had a thorough trial and has proved a complete success. Bro. Burton also says:

I wish to impress upon the lodges and members of the Craft here present the necessity of doing something to prevent the system—a proper system—of blackballing from falling into disrepute. I am conscious that in those lodges where absolute unanimity is required mischief has occurred. Brethren, I know that the power of the black ball is one that we should never dream of relinquishing. But I do think it should be exercised with great discrimination. If you think of it, there may be—unfortunately there are—among us men who are sometimes informed with a spirit such as we abhor. It is in the power of one such person in the first place to throw a lodge into complete disorder, and ultimately to stop its further progress. I do not intend to enlarge upon this matter, but I ask you and all Craft lodges to carefully consider it. Grand Lodge does not interfere with a lodge if it does insist upon unanimity. But it is worth while to consider whether an amendment in favor of requiring a second black ball would not be advisable. As I have said, Grand Lodge does not dictate to an lodge on this question. In such matters the lodge

is supreme. But I invite you to consider the point. All my colleagues, and all with whom I have had converse on the subject, have borne testimony to the increasing care you have exhibited at the outer door. Never was there a time when you were more careful than you are now. I ask you, brethren, that in the future you will never make a retrograde step—that you will continue ever to be jealous about the admission of persons from outside. I will tell a lodge that it is far better that it should never give a degree at all than that it should bring bad material into our noble building. On that subject I ask you to be careful again. In the formation of new lodges you have necessarily to bring in untried men. You have not then the opportunity of sifting and testing their fitness so thoroughly as you have in the yearly elections in a lodge that has existed for some time. I ask that when you find there is a desire for the formation of a new lodge you should be very particular indeed as to the brethren you recommend to my successors to be the first officers of that lodge. There is another matter that was spoken of with great effect by my immediate predecessor, my most esteemed Brother Past Grand Master Williams, and that was that perhaps there was too much display made in what is called the fourth, or knife and fork, degree. I was very much struck with his remarks. I believe they bore fruit, but I think that still a little more reform in that direction would not be amiss. There are certain things that I should have liked to see carried to full fruition in my term of office, but I found that I had designed rather more than I could carry through, even with the assistance of my zealous and esteemed colleagues. The first is the question of unattached brethren. I was very anxious that something should be done in that matter. Twelve months ago I spoke to you on the subject. I prepared a circular. I do not know whether it has been printed yet, but at all events it is in the office. The idea is to send round to every lodge, and perhaps to every Past Master, and to ask them to inquire as to the unattached brethren who are to be found in their neighborhood, to carefully ascertain whether they are worthy brethren, to ascertain also why they are unattached, and, if the brethren are such as would do honor to us, to see if they cannot be brought again into the fold. But that matter, I say, I have had to leave. Then I trust that for the future the Board of General Purposes will amplify their annual reports. All those brethren who have been in the habit of reading the annual reports of the American Grand Lodges will have been struck with the fact that they are exceedingly interesting records. They give an account of the condition of Freemasonry all over the world, in a sort of abstract of the proceedings of every Grand Lodge with which they are in amity. For instance, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I am pleased to say, occupies a very considerable amount of space in those reports. We might do something of the same kind by allocating to some brethren the preparation of the reports, and printing them with the reports of our own annual communications.

The reports of the District Superintendents indicate the existence of a most healthy state of affairs. All the lodges made full returns.

The installation of the new Grand Master, the Governor of the Colony, His Excellency Lord Plunkett, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., was carried out with imposing ceremonies.

Lodges, 141; members, 7,883; increase, 662.

Malcolm Niccol (Christchurch), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

17th Communication, Fargo, June 26, 1906.

Louis A. Jacobson, G. M.

He reports activity and steady progress and four new lodges. We quote one of his decisions, showing that dual membership (which we allow) is not allowed in North Dakota, although one of the lodges may be in another jurisdiction:

Question 1. We have a brother living within the jurisdiction of our lodge who is a member of a lodge in Canada, and wishes to affiliate with our lodge and yet retain his membership in his mother lodge. He can furnish a certificate of good standing in his home lodge. Is there any reason why we should not accept his petition and allow him to affiliate as he requests?

Answer: Will say that, after searching all laws that might bear in the subject, I find there is absolutely no law applying to the question at issue. The question simmers down to this: Can a brother who is a member of a lodge of another grand jurisdiction become a member of a lodge in this grand jurisdiction by affiliation without losing his membership in the other lodge? Section 37 of our Grand Lodge By-laws states clearly that every Mason applying for membership in any lodge in this grand jurisdiction must present satisfactory evidence to such lodge that he has taken a regular dimit from the lodge of which he has last been a member, which I would construe to mean that he must have severed his membership with the lodge last a member of before applying to another lodge for membership.

Held that a brother cannot hold a membership in two Masonic bodies at the same time. (Approved.)

The report of the Grand Secretary is more than usually interesting and we quote the conclusion:

When night after night for weeks, months and years you have witnessed the devotion of the brothers in lodge work at the expense of time and money, have you never asked the question of yourself, Why all this sacrifice, and why all this work? It cannot be for love of power, or glory, except may

be to souls capable of rising only to the sublime heights of the infinitesimal. But these are not the usual workers, for we find them active in all spheres of life. May it not be that within our being is a living promptitude existing almost separate and apart from thoughts that find expression in sentiment consciousness or living words, which silently and almost unknown prompts us to lift our fellow-man into a better light, as we see that light.

If such be true, then behind this and other fraternal societies is a divinity that shapes our ends and chisels the rough ashlar into finished stone ; if such be the truth, then we are almost unconscious instruments of the divine force in nature ; if such be the truth, then all fraternal societies which seek to inculcate the love of neighbor, the forgiveness of error, the brotherhood of man, have a definite mission in the world, are entities in the great thought-life of humanity, and potent factors in the economics of national life ; and if such be the truth, efforts which heretofore may have seemed without practical utility become haloed with the truth, and are the syllables of the true word for which we are in search.

It is seventeen years since we were parted from our mother Grand Lodge. Prosperity in numbers and preservation of quality have marked the existence of this Grand Lodge. Friendships have been born about its altar, goodwill has hung pendant above the Great Light, and pleasant recollections, like precious books, lie in the library of our minds. And why should we not love our Grand Lodge, which has given us so many beautiful things, and which has woven about our hearts the garland of sweet memories.

Alberta was recognized.

Lodges, 78 ; members, 5,567 ; increase, 414.

Grant S. Hager (St. Thomas), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

41st Communication, Halifax, June 13, 1906.

Charles R. Smith, G. M.

The address contains an excellent presentation of his official acts. The past year has been one of phenomenal progress, and harmony prevails.

Every lodge in the jurisdiction had made their returns.

Alberta and Porto Rico were recognized.

We quote the following action had with regard to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In pursuance of notice given by M. W. Bro. W. Ross, M. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, on his behalf, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. William Crowe :

"That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, now in annual communication assembled, do hereby protest against the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, continuing to use the name "Canada," and respectfully submit that Ontario should be the name by which that Grand Lodge should be known."

Moved in amendment by M. W. Bro. T. Trenaman, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. G. McLean :

"That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia place itself in communication with the other Grand Lodges in Canada, outside of Ontario, and request them to unite with us in urging the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, to change its name to one which will lead to less misapprehension among foreign Grand Lodges."

The amendment was adopted.

The work in all the degrees was exemplified and declared to be the authorized work, namely, "the Ancient York Rite, as practiced in New York."

Several extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1905.

Lodges, 66; members, 4,715; increase, 298.

Charles R. Smith (Amherst), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

97th Communication, Columbus, October 10, 1906.

Louis P. Schaus, G. M.

Most of the lodges are shown to be in very good condition both financially and otherwise. The ritual is being closely followed and the work impressively rendered. In a number of lodges visited by the Grand Master the work was given practically letter-perfect. All of the 507 lodges have been visited and inspected during the year and the Grand Master received a written report from each one.

An amendment to the Code was adopted, to read as follows:

Section 25. A member may, by consent of the lodge, dimit, and until he again affiliates he voluntarily renounces all claim to the benefit of lodge organization. Such a member may at any time within three years, not having joined any other lodge, return such dimit to the lodge granting it, pay the annual dues since the date of such dimit, and he may thereupon, if no charges have been preferred against him, be

reinstated as a member of such lodge, if upon a secret ballot at least three-fourths of the members voting, shall consent to such reinstatement.

The report of the committee on the Masonic History of Ohio was adopted, its conclusion being as follows:

Your committee would recommend that this Grand Lodge will direct a prompt compliance upon the part of the subordinate lodges with the requests made by your committee, and that among the questions requiring answers upon the part of the District Lecturers shall be the following, viz.:

1. Has your lodge furnished an answer to the questions submitted by the Historical Committee?

2. Has your lodge a Historian, whose duty it is to collect and report data for its history, and in all cases of a negative reply thereto, the District Lecturer shall direct a prompt compliance with the orders of the Grand Lodge in relation to its history.

Alberta was recognized.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of their organization as a Grand Lodge will take place in 1908.

The Grand Lodge voted \$6,000 to the general fund of the Ohio Masonic Home, and \$6,000 to its Endowment Fund. The Home has 174 inmates, and the average cost per capita for maintenance for the year was \$182.45.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. W. M. Cunningham. It is an extensive and elaborate review, covering nearly 400 pages. In his notice of Canada for 1905 Bro. Cunningham gives numerous extracts, and in speaking of our first Grand Master he says:

A most delightful reminiscence to the writer was a few days with M. W. Bro. Col. Wilson, M. W. Bros. Wm. B. Hubbard, Albert G. Mackey, O'Sullivan, of Missouri, and other eminent and distinguished Masons at the Rob Morris proposed Masonic College corner stone laying, barbecue, and St. John's day (24th of June) celebration near Hickman, Kentucky—(1857, I think). A day at St. Louis on our return with M. W. Bros. Wilson and Hubbard and several other distinguished brothers, was a memorable one to the writer, who had the qualification, at least, of being a good listener.

We also quote his remarks on the Grand Honors:

As the salutations of officers-elect, grand and subordinate, were made in each degree with the "private Grand Honors"—as stated by the writer—prior to 1750; and inferred to have been, as early as that period, accorded to Grand officers

upon occasions of official receptions, your committee believes that their discontinuance was the result of the substitution therefor of the Funeral Grand Honors (omitting their accompanying words), doubtless due to the absence of any special monitorial mention of differences therein. The circumambulatory ceremonies, with its salutations, in the Mark Master's degree, is but a continuation of that pertinent to the degree of Installed Master. Instead, therefore, of being "modern frills" they were but a part of the formal ceremonials of ancient Masonic functions, which with the showy Masonic clothing yet in use in all foreign jurisdictions, has been generally eliminated from the usage of lodges in the United States, and whilst the writer concedes that the "battery" is all sufficient and appropriate, yet it is in order, perhaps, to ask why it would be inappropriate to use the Private Grand Honors in the reception of Grand officers, if appropriate at installations and dedications?"

Lodges, 507; members, 65,105; increase, 3,469.

Horace A. Irvin (Dayton), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

15th Communication, Guthrie, February 12, 1907.

Fred D. Sparks, G. M.

The Grand Master reports having issued dispensations for 18 new lodges. He visited frequently and finds prosperity and harmony prevailing.

Much of the address is taken up with the important subject of consolidation with the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, in consequence of the civic union of the two territories into one State to be called the State of Oklahoma. The situation is unique in Masonry, and we copy the report of the Joint Committee, with the remarks of the Grand Master thereon:

We, the undersigned, your committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, to devise ways and means for the amalgamation of the two Grand Lodges under statehood, beg to submit to you the following:

That, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1906, we held a conference with the committee appointed by the Grand Master of the Indian Territory, and by careful discussion and consideration have agreed upon the following terms and conditions, which seem to both committees to be the wisest, fairest and easiest method of procedure.

That inasmuch as the resolution passed at the last session

by the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory looking to such an amalgamation, provided that the plans suggested by this committee should be by him submitted to the Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Indian Territory, and believing that that can be done and the vote of her lodges obtained before the time of the session of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma in February, we recommend that the Grand Master of the Indian Territory report the result of said vote to the Grand Master of Oklahoma, and that you submit the question of amalgamation and these plans suggested by our committee to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma at its February session.

That if the vote in both instances is favorable to amalgamation, that the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma hold its next session on the 2nd Tuesday of August, the same day as is the next convocation of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and that said session be held at the city of Shawnee that it may be near the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.

That this report then be submitted to each of said Grand Lodges at their session in August, and if then approved and accepted, that each of said Grand Lodges pass an ordinance surrendering their grand jurisdiction to a new Grand Lodge to be organized by a joint convention to be composed of both of said Grand bodies, and that said convention be authorized and provided for in said ordinance, and that said convention be held forthwith in the city of McAllister.

That said joint convention shall adopt a constitution and by-laws for the Grand Lodge and a uniform code of by-laws and Masonic regulations for the subordinate lodges and organize a new Grand Lodge to be named and chartered by this State as "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma," and proceed to elect its officers.

That in said organization the following elective officers shall come from the present Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, viz. : Grand Master and Grand Senior Warden, and from the present Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, the following elective officers, viz. : Deputy Grand Master, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Treasurer, and that the balance of said officers and the necessary standing committees shall be apportioned equally as near as may be.

Appreciating the long and faithful services of each of the Grand Secretaries and realizing the strong feeling of affection which the brethren of each grand jurisdiction have for their Grand Secretary, and knowing the vast amount of additional work which will be entailed upon the secretary's office by such consolidation, we recommend that both of the present Grand Secretaries be retained and the new Grand Lodge for the time being shall have two Grand Secretaries, the present Grand Secretary of the Indian Territory to have charge of, and perform all the duties of Grand Secretary under the present Grand Jurisdiction of the Indian Territory, and the present Grand Secretary of Oklahoma to have charge of and perform all of the duties of Grand Secretary under the present Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

That each of said Grand Secretaries shall receive the same compensation.

That the esoteric work of each of said Grand Jurisdictions shall be retained as in the present jurisdiction until the new Grand Lodge shall provide otherwise, and the present Grand Jurisdiction of Indian Territory shall retain its Board of Custodians and a Grand Lecturer, who shall instruct its lodges and brethren in their said work, and the present Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma shall retain its Committee on Work and Grand Lecturer, to instruct its lodges and brethren in their said work, until the new Grand Lodge shall provide otherwise.

That a Board of Custodians and the Committee on Work shall receive the same compensation, and each of said Grand Lecturers shall receive the same compensation.

That the present subordinate lodges under the two Grand Jurisdictions shall retain their old charters as a historical record, but that new charters shall be prepared and issued to them, which shall recite the historical facts which make their issuance necessary, and the present subordinate lodges shall be numbered in said new charters as follows :

The original lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction of Indian Territory at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, which numbered sixty, shall retain their original numbers as of that time, and that the lodges organized since the session of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, at which it granted its consent for the organization of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, shall be numbered according to the date of the granting of their dispensations, provided that they obtain a charter at the next session of the Grand Lodge, that is to say, the lodge in either of said jurisdictions which was first granted a dispensation after the said session of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, at which said consent was granted, shall be numbered sixty-one, and the next one granted a dispensation shall be numbered sixty-two, and that the lodges in both jurisdictions shall be considered in this calculation, the number to be governed solely by the date of the dispensations granted, provided the lodge receive a charter at the next session of the Grand Lodge, but in case they do not receive a charter and were by the Grand Lodge continued under dispensation, then such U. D. lodges shall take their numbers from the date of such session of the Grand Lodge, and if more than one lodge shall be continued under dispensation, then as between such continued lodges they shall be numbered according to the date of their dispensations, but shall be numbered in the year following the session of said Grand Lodge.

We recommend that a committee of two be appointed, one by the Grand Master of the Indian Territory, and one by the Grand Master of Oklahoma, to draft such constitution and by-laws for the Grand Lodge and uniform code of by-laws and Masonic regulations for the subordinate lodges, and have the same completed by the first of July, 1907, and that the Grand Master of Oklahoma shall have one thousand copies of their report printed and ready for distribution among the brethren at such joint convention, in order that all members may have ample opportunity to give the same careful consideration.

We recommend that a per diem of two (\$2.00) dollars and five cents per mile, one way, figuring the nearest convenient route, be paid to one representative from each subordinate lodge and to each Grand Lodge officer or committeeman in said joint convention.

That in view of the fact that the Oklahoma Masons are now engaged in raising an endowment fund of fifty thousand dollars for a Masonic Home, with bright prospects of raising an amount equal to the sum raised by the Masons of the Indian Territory for that purpose, we recommend that no action be taken by the Grand Master of Indian Territory in locating the Masonic Home until the organization of the new Grand Lodge, to the end that the home may be endowed with the one hundred thousand dollars.

The union of Oklahoma and Indian Territories into a single state under the name of "Oklahoma" has brought sharply into prominence the question of the amalgamation or union of the two separate Masonic jurisdictions which will exist within the new state boundaries. The opinion prevails in some quarters that statehood of itself will work such a union, but the idea is erroneous. The two jurisdictions are as separate and independent, so far as Masonic law is concerned, as the jurisdictions of American states, and while in this country there is no example of two regular Grand Jurisdictions existing contemporaneously within the boundaries of one state, yet such a condition is not, ipso facto, illegal or impossible. It has been suggested that as the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma will bear the name of the new state and there will be no longer any "Indian Territory," there will, of necessity, be an absorption of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory into the body of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma—that in this manner the child will devour its mother. This suggestion is equally erroneous. Our own Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) fixes the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as follows:

The territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall extend over all that country bounded on the north by the states of Colorado and Kansas; on the east by the Indian Territory; on the south by the State of Texas and the Indian Territory, and on the west by the State of Texas and the Territory of New Mexico.

The Constitution cannot be amended except by a three-fourths vote at the Grand Communication at which the amendment is proposed, or by a two-thirds vote of the next Annual Communication thereafter. (Article X.) But under no possible circumstances could we invade or infringe upon the territorial jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge without the latter's consent.

NECESSITY OF UNION.

But while all this is true, there is a law of physical necessity and Masonic fitness, and a force of Masonic sentiment, which for the best interests of Masonry, will practically compel the union of these two independent jurisdictions. By this law Masonry has followed in its development the history

of the states of the American Union, and as in all our past history the states have been formed from new single territories which before had been broken off from larger territories, so new Masonic Grand Lodges have followed the boundaries of the territories by virtue of a voluntary surrender of part of their territorial jurisdiction by the older established Grand Lodges. And as there has heretofore been no instance of a fusing of two separate territories into one state, so no two independent Masonic jurisdictions have ever in this country been brought under one organization. No Grand Lodge in the United States has ever ceased its existence; and, as illustrating the stability and permanence of our noble fraternity, I can now recall no case in the history of the Masonic world where a Grand Lodge once established has ever died. The conditions which now face the Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and Indian Territories are, therefore, altogether unique, with no precedents to guide us, with new paths to make and new problems to solve.

Assuming that a union is inevitable, how shall it be brought about to the glory of the Craft, the harmony of the participants, and the undying good of the Order? Can this new Masonic Temple be erected without the sound of iron tool, in peace and order? The spirit of the widow's son should brood over this enterprise, and that noble emulation in work and agreement should here find its strongest and most beneficent activity.

DIFFERENT PLANS.

One of four things must occur to effect a perfect union:

(a) Indian Territory must permit her absorption by Oklahoma Territory and terminate her corporate existence.

(b) Oklahoma must permit her absorption by Indian Territory and thus cease to exist.

(c) Both jurisdictions must surrender their charters and create a new Grand Lodge from the dissolved elements.

(d) Some form of dual existence in union must be devised in which neither jurisdiction will lose its identity.

(d) It is hardly necessary to discuss the last plan. Its insuperable difficulties, impracticable and unmasonic form of organization; its lack of cohesive power, and the danger of inharmonious and conflicting elements, are sufficient to remove the plan from serious consideration. Independent organizations would be much more effective and far more conducive to Masonic welfare. No organizations of such a character are known in Ancient Craft Masonry.

(c) The extinction of both Grand Lodges and the creation of a new organization is probably the most practical method of procedure unless a better can be devised. Yet it is doubtful if either Grand Body would be willing to commit suicide without having made first some kind of arrangements for a future existence; and it is hard to imagine the creation of any new organization without both Grand Lodges having first arrived at a mutual understanding as to many details. One effect of such a plan would be to create a new jurisdiction with the same name as our own Grand Lodge—the Grand

Lodge of Oklahoma ; for it is safe to say that such will be the name of the merged or new jurisdiction. Every Grand Lodge in the world, as far as I know, is named from the territory, province, state or nation in which it was originally organized. Thus, in any event, the name of our own jurisdiction will be preserved and the name of our beloved mother, the Grand Lodge of "Indian Territory," be lost forever to Masonry, but not forgotten. It is the sacrifice of a mother who dies that her children may live, yet whose influence never dies. It will be something of a distinction in the Masonic world to be known as the only Grand Lodge that ever lost the identity of its name.

(d) A serious obstacle arises to the absorption by Indian Territory of our own jurisdiction, and that is, that even if that is done it will still be no longer the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, but the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Thus one jurisdiction would preserve its organization but lose, and the other would lose its organization and preserve its name. A union that would meet all conditions and also preserve both name and organization would be development along the lines of least resistance. This would be using stone and timber already quarried, cut and fashioned in the mountains. There is force and sentiment in the suggestion that as Indian Territory generously gave of her own flesh and blood that we might live ; as she gave her children to us with which to found a new home, so when the broken family is reunited we should all pass again under her benevolent authority and control. And, certainly, every Oklahoma Mason has a just pride in, and a deep reverence for, the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory from which Oklahoma Masonry sprang.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Joint Committee and all of the Grand Master's address referring to the amalgamation, and the following resolution was carried :

Be it resolved, That the Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to abrogate the session of the Grand Lodge to be held in August, 1907, if in his judgment, the said convention, for any reason, ought not to be held at that time.

On motion of Bro. W. L. Eagleton, it was resolved that the Grand Master appoint a committee to confer with the committee from Indian Territory in an effort to have the meeting place of the joint convention of the two Grand Lodges changed to Guthrie instead of McAllister.

Canada, Ontario, for 1906, is included in the Proceedings reviewed by Bro. W. M. Anderson.

Lodges, 158 ; members, 7,978 ; increase, 1,052.

Earl Beebe (El Reno), G. M.

James S. Hunt (Guthrie), G. S.

OREGON.

56th Communication, Portland, June 13, 1906.

William H. Flanagan, G. M.

On the subject of uniformity in the work the Grand Master recommended the abolition of their system of three Grand Custodians, as it did not seem to be satisfactory, and the Grand Lodge unanimously adopted this recommendation. The committee reported as follows:

Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of securing information in the use of the secret work of Masonry, and correct or eliminate superfluous expressions or words, as now used in many of our lodges, would recommend that the matter be referred to a committee of seven, of whom two shall be Past Grand Masters. Said committee shall adhere to a strict observance of all ancient landmarks and be guided by what has heretofore been adopted by this Grand Lodge known as the Webb work. This committee to report the result of its labor at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge and be prepared to give a correct exemplification of the work in the several degrees.

Visitors will take notice that hereafter they will require a certificate. The amended by-law now reads:

No visitor shall be admitted to any lodge under this jurisdiction unless lawfully vouched for as a Master Mason in good standing. Documentary evidence alone shall not be sufficient to justify avouchment. In addition to strict trial and due examination of his knowledge of Masonry, every lodge or committee shall require a strange visitor to produce a certificate under the seal of his lodge that he is a member of such lodge in good standing, which certificate shall also be fortified by a certificate under seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction under which the same shall be held, that the lodge issuing the certificate is a lodge in good standing in the said jurisdiction.

In his review of Canada for 1905 Bro. J. M. Hodson says:

J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master and Historian of the Grand Lodge, delivered an address filling 22 pages, that for excellence of expression and reasonable deductions contained the most accurate history of Masonry, both ancient and modern, in so small a space, that we remember ever reading. We would clip a lot of it, but we wish to preserve it without mutilation.

We also quote his remarks on the symbolism of the Masonic apron:

Modern Masonry is the heir of the "Ancient Mysteries," and from the use of white garments to denote the purity of

the intentions and the innocence of purpose of their candidates came the customs referred to in his first paragraph and were used thousands upon thousands of years before there was any Anglo-Saxon civilization or a King Solomon's Temple. The Masonic Apron represents in shape—being square, the four sides being equal, the ancient conception of the elementary elements of nature: earth, air, fire and water, the flap or bib being a perfect equilateral triangle, represents their idea of the attributes of Deity, as creative, destructive, and preservative, and was placed at the top of the square to denote that the infinite intelligence prevailed over all material substance, and being white, is worn as an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, and not as the representative of the aprons worn by the workmen at the building of the Temple.

We learn that Oregon, some years ago, adopted crematory services, and they have given entire satisfaction so far. The services are all performed and ceremonies closed before the body is cremated; in fact, the friends and relatives are dismissed and retire and the hour of actual cremation is left to the management of the institution.

Lodges, 109; members, 7,689; increase, 367.

W. T. Williamson (Portland), G. M.

James F. Robertson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1906.

George W. Kendrick, Jr., G. M.

The following report was adopted:

An application for fraternal recognition has been received from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, it being stated that it has "succeeded in conforming its work and usages to that of other Grand Lodges."

In accordance with a well recognized principle in Freemasonry, as has been stated by one of our distinguished predecessors, "A Grand Lodge is created by lodges. When three or more lawfully warranted and duly constituted lodges of Free and Accepted Masons constitute and establish a Grand Lodge, these lodges confer on this Grand Lodge those powers which are necessary to make it a controlling Masonic power. The territorial jurisdiction then attaches."

Our information is that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico owes its formation to the dividing up of one lodge, without authority, and calling these divisions lodges, for the definite purpose of securing the three lodges necessary for the formation of a Grand Lodge.

Without discussing other matters connected with the subject, this seems to your committee sufficient reason for recommending that recognition be withheld.

An application for fraternal recognition has also been received from the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina (La Grande Loge Suisse Alpina). Before the formal application was presented, the Chairman of your committee was approached upon the subject, and he asked for information as to the origin of the lodges composing that Grand Lodge, whether it was a sovereign ruling Masonic body, and, if regularly formed, whether it had made such changes in its organic laws as would hinder its recognition by regular Grand Lodges. The little information that has been furnished is very inadequate and unsatisfactory.

Furthermore, the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina is in entirely fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, which, after abolishing, in 1871, the Grand Mastership, in 1877, struck for its Constitutions what has well been called "the first and most important of the Ancient Landmarks," belief in the Great Architect of the Universe. The plea that this was done for the sake of "absolute liberty of conscience" may be true enough, but by this act French Masonry ceased to be genuine Masonry.

Under all the circumstances we are unable to recommend recognition.

Alberta was recognized.

The Grand Master's address was delivered at the close of the meeting, as is their custom. He visited all the 77 lodges in Philadelphia and six others. They are all flourishing and doing creditable work. Eight new lodges were opened. According to the following paragraph the Grand Master in Pennsylvania has rather more power than in other jurisdictions:

After thoughtful and mature deliberation, and with the helpful advice and encouragement of a large majority of the officers of the lodges meeting in Philadelphia, I determined to take a forward step in the approach to that self control and strength of character which are essential to our success. In the belief that our object should be to help the weak as well as guide the errant, and as a further evidence of our desire to reach the higher mental and moral plane even if at the cost of some physical pleasure, I directed that the use of intoxicants should be eliminated from any entertainments within the Temple, and from all Masonic entertainments of any kind within the jurisdiction. The practically unanimous approval given by the Craft has set throbbing with satisfaction the chord already pleasing to every conscience and stirred by my heart.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1906, Bro. James M. Lamberton says:

The address of the Grand Master, which was well described as "a scholarly and exhaustive record of one of the most prosperous years" in the history of the Grand Lodge, shows an energetic and efficient officer.

We like the brotherly reserve which omits the names of the beneficiaries of the Grand Lodge in the account of benevolence.

Lodges, 456; members, 75,273; increase, 4,024.
George W. Kendrick, Jr. (Philadelphia), G. M.
William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

31st Communication, Charlottetown, June 25, 1906.
Charles H. S. Sterns, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges. He reports Masonry as flourishing. In almost every case the material added is of a very high order.

Alberta was recognized.

Lodges, 14; members, 635; increase, 27.
W. K. Rogers (Charlottetown), G. M.
Neil MacKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEENSLAND.

Special Communication, Brisbane, July 26, 1905.
G. S. Hutton, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master gives their progress in detail. In his opening he says:

Brethren: As you are aware, Grand Lodge was established on the 25th April last year, with a roll of 39 lodges, representing a membership of 1,500 Masons. During the year we have added five lodges and over 200 Masons, making our strength 44 lodges with about 1,700 Masons, which, considering the strong opposition to which we have been subjected, may be considered a very fair advance, one that will fully encourage us to continue strenuously in our good work in the sure and certain hope of a successful issue which will join all true lovers of the Craft in Queensland under one banner in a band strong and indissoluble. Here I may mention that I shall have the pleasure of leaving for the Far North on Saturday next to constitute a strong lodge, for the erection of which I have granted a warrant in compliance with a petition signed by about 30 brethren, and as members of Grand Lodge are aware, on Monday evening last, had it not been for the most regrettable illness of Very Worshipful Grand Registrar, the Indooroppilly Lodge, which is being created under most auspicious circumstances, would have been dedicated. However, we hope our Very Worshipful brother's illness will be of short duration, and that on my return from the north the forty-fifth lodge will be added to our roll.

The ritual of New South Wales was adopted in its entirety.

Quarterly Communication, March 12, 1906.

It was reported that 15 Grand Lodges had accorded recognition.

At the numerous meetings held during the year their Constitution was fully discussed and finally adopted. The proceedings show that this new Grand Lodge is fully capable of taking care of the interests of the Craft. We wish them all success and prosperity.

June 11, 1906.

His Excellency Lord Chelmsford, the Governor of the State, was unanimously elected Grand Master. His acceptance of this office should set at rest all doubts of the regularity of the formation of the Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 44; membership about 1,700.

Charles H. Harley (Brisbane), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

116th Communication, Providence, May 21, 1906.

Joseph W. Freeman, G. M.

The Grand Master visited a number of the lodges, all of the work witnessed being well and impressively done, showing a most commendable spirit of fidelity to the ritual.

The reports of the District Deputies and the personal observations of the Grand Master prove that good feeling and harmony prevail to an unusual degree.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Porto Rico were recognized.

Bro. W. H. Scott delivered an excellent eulogy on Masonry, from which we make the following extract:

Freemasonry is the outgrowth of the church, or at least of the great principles which the church professes. All of the high ideals and humanitarian fundamentals which the church possesses and enforces, the institution of Freemasonry also professes and practices. This fraternity is not the church, but it is religious; it is the handmaid of the church. Its principles are all taken from the Holy Bible, which forms an essential part of the furniture of every lodge. It recognizes the Supreme Creator and Ruler of the universe, and man's relations with and obligations to Him. It believes in the equality of men before the law, and respects their rights and liberty. It takes the part of the oppressed and the down-trodden, and seeks to release them from their thralldom. It stands for the freedom of the individual conscience and a broad toleration which breaks down whatever fetters the body, mind or soul. It endorses all truth, encourages all virtue, and condemns all vice. Its teachings have a direct

tendency to make men more humane and to build them up in all the elements of a noble manhood. These divine principles and instincts being planted within us must be expressed, or they become dormant. And so, we are quickened with impulses of courteous feelings towards our fellows, of kind sentiments and of generous acts ; with impulses to administer comfort to the afflicted, to lift up the fallen, to supply the needy, and to deal charitably with all men.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 37; members, 6,476; increase, 174.

Walter A. Presbrey (Providence) G. M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly Communication, Edinburgh, May 3, 1906.

Charters were granted to six new lodges, including two in the Transvaal and others in British East Africa, Natal and Queensland.

August 2, 1906.

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Rhode Island, Costa Rica and Cuba.

Among the new lodges we notice one in Chili and one in Colon, Panama.

Grand Committee, September 20, 1906.

On application by the Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Sierra Leone Highland, Freetown, Sierra Leone, No. 997, it was agreed to grant him a power of dispensation, in case of emergency, for a brother to be advanced to a higher degree, after he has passed an examination in the lower degree, at an interval of not less than one week instead of two weeks, and such dispensation to remain in force during the pleasure of Grand Committee.

Representatives were appointed to the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Valle de Mexico.

Grand Committee, October 18, 1906.

It was decided that as soon as a member of a lodge paid his arrears he was restored to all Masonic privileges, if otherwise in good standing.

Grand Secretary submitted a petition from seven members of the "Rite of Memphis and Mizraim" craving for a charter to open a lodge in Salonica, Turkey. As the "Rite of Memphis and Mizraim" is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Committee recommends Grand Lodge to refuse to grant the prayer or the petition.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 18, 1906.

Sir Samuel Way, G. M.

There is no address from the Grand Master.

Representatives were exchanged with several Grand Lodges.

The Grand Inspector reported as follows:

I have the honor to report that my deputy and myself have visited as many of the lodges as possible during the year, more especially in the country, as I think they are more in need of our advice and instruction than the lodges in the city, who can always attend the Lodge of Instruction if they wish, though I am sorry to say very few of them do. And the welcome given us by the lodges in the country, their anxiety to profit by our presence, their willingness to come long distances to attend their lodges, shows how anxious they are to be perfect in their work; indeed, the splendid way in which some of the country lodges carry out the different ceremonies in spite of their many disadvantages is very gratifying to witness, and would bear favorable comparison with some of our city lodges.

The joint resolutions of England, Scotland and Ireland are mentioned with a note that the advisability of adopting some such resolutions may be considered on some future occasion.

Lodges, 45; members, 2,799; increase, 66.

Sir Samuel Way (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

130th Communication, Charleston, December 11, 1906.

Francis E. Harrison, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary since 1874. He was prominent in every good work and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the public to a rare degree.

Harmony and prosperity prevail. Five new lodges were opened.

The following report from the Committee on Correspondence was adopted:

We recommend that the request of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., be granted, by recognizing said Grand Lodge as the Sovereign Grand Lodge in its own jurisdiction.

That we welcome them into the Sisterhood of Grand Lodges with which we hold fraternal relations.

As to the overtures from the Grand Lodge of Mexico, Queen's Land and Switzerland, relative to recognition of these grand bodies : We recommend that they be received as information, and that action thereon be deferred, awaiting further Masonic Light.

As to the bi-centennial celebration on St. John the Baptist day, June 24, 1917, in commemoration of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in London, in 1717, we recommend : That as the celebration proposed is more than ten years assistant, we wait until we receive more definite and detailed information as to the character and scope of this celebration before taking action.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a volume recording the proceedings concerning the installation of His Excellency, M.W. Bro. Admiral Sir Holdsworth Rawson, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

We recommend the work of Bro. Marshall DeLancy Haywood, of Raleigh, N. C., shown in "The Beginnings of Freemasonry in North Carolina and Tennessee," as putting into interesting and historical form the birth and life of Freemasonry in these, now two Grand Masonic jurisdictions, from its introduction into the colony of North Carolina, in 1735 to 1787, during the existence of the joint jurisdiction then known as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1905 Bro. Jacob T. Barron gives numerous extracts from the address of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, which he characterizes as one of the most beautiful and interesting Masonic historical addresses he has ever read.

Lodges, 232 ; members, 10,403 ; increase, 839.

Frank E. Harrison (Abbeville), G. M.

Jacob T. Barron (Columbia), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

32nd Communication, Sioux Falls, June 12, 1906.

Edgar D. Brookman, G. M.

The growth of the Craft has kept pace with the splendid material development of the State, and the future is big with promise. Five new lodges were opened.

The Grand Lecturer visited 62 lodges during the year, holding schools of instruction of from one to four days in each place.

Alberta was recognized.

The new Masonic Temple at Sioux Falls was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. It is a beautiful building, with ample accommodation for the lodges, the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary's office, and a large library.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer upon making his visitation, be and is hereby authorized and required to inspect the books, records and blanks in use by the lodge and give the Secretary advice and instruction in reference thereto. * * *

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to carry out his plan with reference to "Identification of Visitors, and Cards for Receipts for Dues."

In his review of Mississippi, Bro. Samuel A. Brown has the following:

The address opens with an inspiring oration upon the brotherhood of man, and the beauties of Masonry. Attributing American independence to the Masonic fraternity, however, is misleading. While it is true that Washington, Franklin, Caswell and a great many others of the leading spirits with them were members of the Craft, it need not be forgotten that there were distinguished Freemasons on the other side in that contest. At the disastrous battle of Camden, S. C., where the Americans were cut to pieces and routed, Lord Rawdon found on the field of battle, mortally wounded, General DeKalb, a brother Mason. He cared for him during the few remaining hours of life, and after his death buried his body with the funeral rites of Masonry. Lord Rawdon's health failed and he soon returned to England, and afterwards, as the Earl of Moira and the Marquis of Hastings, became the most distinguished Freemason of his times, and also a very eminent soldier and statesman.

James Grant, although he was defeated by Washington at Trenton, was one of our staunchest foes, doing us great damage at Monmouth, Brandywine and Germantown. He sailed in 1778 for the West Indies. Had he and Rawdon remained in this country until the close of the war no one knows how it might have terminated. General Grant was also an eminent Freemason, being no less than Scotch Provincial Grand Master of the Southern District of North America. General Bowles, who commanded the Creek Indians at Pensacola, 1780, was Provincial Grand Master of the Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw and Chostay Nations under the Grand Lodge of England. Grand Master Sisson did not deny this, and this is not intended as adverse criticism.

Canada for 1905 has kindly mention.

Lodges, 108; members, 6,336; increase, 383.

Robert H. McCaughey (Mellette), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

Half-yearly Communication, Hobart, August 31, 1906.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

The Board of General Purposes have decided upon a form of ballot paper for voting by post, and a circular

explaining the method of using it will be sent to every member of Grand Lodge.

The Board also say:

Two other rulings may be of interest to some of the members. A W. M. of a country lodge applied for guidance as to the proper method of taking a ballot. It appears the practice in his lodge was based on the method laid down in "Mackey's Lexicon," the author of which was an American Mason. In this both Wardens as well as the W. M. examine the box prior to the ballot, and after the ballot both Wardens declare the result before the W. M. does so. The Board advised that there is no hard and fast rule on the subject, but the W. M. is responsible for the proper taking of the ballot and may prescribe the mode of procedure. It is unnecessary for the Wardens to declare the ballot, as it is not complete until the W. M. declares it.

Dr. Albert Mackey was also responsible for an inquiry about the signification of the three pillars. He described Ionic as the column of "beauty," but in a later edition corrected the error, and the practice in Tasmania is the same as that followed in England, where the Ionic (wisdom) is assigned to the W. M., the Doric (strength) to the S. W., and the Corinthian (beauty) to the J. W.

Among the correspondence we note:

From Grand Lodge of Canada, with patent for V. W. Bro. H. J. Wise, Grand Treacurer, as their Grand Lodge Representative, near our Grand Lodge. Also

From R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, P. G. Warden, our Grand Lodge Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Canada, thanking Grand Lodge for his appointment and patent, and placing his services at our command.

A long discussion arose over the proposal of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to hold a conference of the Grand Lodges in Australasia. It was left with the Grand Master and Board to act if necessary.

TENNESSEE.

93rd Communication, Nashville, January 30, 1907.

Robert Burrow, G. M.

The Grand Master reports a very busy year. He declined to make a Mason "at sight," saying that this prerogative of the Grand Master has become obsolete in Tennessee. We quote the conclusion of his excellent address:

"We are taught that Masonry is a progressive moral science. So it is. If proof is required, you have only to look to its attitude on the temperance question in

Tennessee. First, it was made a Masonic offence to engage in the business of retailing intoxicating liquors. Next, after due and timely notice, it was made unlawful for a Mason to be a manufacturer or wholesale dealer in intoxicating liquors. In other words, to-day there is no place in the Masonic fraternity in Tennessee for the man who makes or the man who sells liquor. Who will say that the present great demand throughout the State for the total abolition of the saloon is not due in a large measure to the stand taken by the Masons? If the settlement of this question were left to the Masons, before the adjournment of this Grand Lodge the saloon would be driven beyond the borders of Tennessee to return no more forever.

"Masons are morally progressive. They do not build in vain. There were thousands of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons employed in the building of Solomon's Temple. That magnificent structure is a thing of the past. The rebuilt temple has long passed away. Mouldering stones no longer mark the place where once stood its mighty walls. The cedar beams have crumbled into dust. The gold and silver and jewels with which its vessels and walls were made and inlaid have been scattered throughout the wide, wide world. The grave of Hiram at the foot of Mount Moriah can no longer be discovered. But the everlasting tenets of Masonry, charity for the living, immortality for the dead, are as green in the hearts of Masons to-day as the ever-green sprig which marked the resting place of the illustrious dead."

Their Masonic Home was never in better condition. It has 143 inmates, and the average cost for each person for the year was \$94.50, a decrease of ten cents per capita from the year preceding. Bro. Alexander Fall has educated at his Business College, free of charge, about 20 boys and girls from the Home, and he received the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his generous action.

By the adoption of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge decided that a lodge in Tennessee has jurisdiction over a member of a Virginia lodge who resides in Tennessee, and who was charged with an offence against an edict of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee regarding the sale of liquor by members of the Craft.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Henry A. Chambers, and reviews Canada for 1906.

Lodges, 432; members, 20,986; increase, 807.

George E. Seay (Gallatin), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

71st Communication, Waco, December 4, 1906.

S. M. Bradley, G. M.

His address is an excellent one. On the profound influence of the Craft he waxes eloquent, and his views of the principles and truths of the teachings of the Order were well calculated to give the brethren more lofty conceptions of their confraternity. The full details of the official acts of the Grand Master prove him to have been zealous and faithful in the management of his very large constituency. We quote the following:

We should not forget that Masonry in its higher purposes and its broader mission is not so much an association for mutual assistance and relief in a material way, as for the cultivation of higher ideals of life in its various relations to our fellowmen, impressing upon its votaries the duties and obligations we owe to a brother, and thus furnishing an affirmative answer to the question propounded when the earth was young: "Am I my brother's keeper?" for it teaches that we are in a peculiar sense our brother's keeper. In its every lesson, from the time the neophyte first enters the portals of Masonry until he has been invested with all the privileges of a Mason, it enforces and emphasizes the duties and obligations we owe to a brother. It seeks, by its lessons of benevolence and fraternity, to discourage that mean and narrow selfishness in men which seeks alone to our own material advantage and the advancement of our selfish ends and purposes, while at the same time it seeks to develop and to cultivate all the nobler impulses and higher aspirations of the human heart and to repress and to minimize all the baser passions within us.

They have 103 District Deputies, so the Craft is well looked after. The Grand Master gives them high praise.

Alberta was recognized.

Their Masonic Home has reached a stage of efficiency that challenges admiration. There are now in the Home 162 children and 13 widows. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$27,000. The permanent fund now amounts to over \$100,000.

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1906.

Lodges. 743; members, 39,126; increase, 212.

John P. Bell (Bellville), G. M.

John Watson (Waco), G. S.

VERMONT.

113th Communication, Burlington, June 13, 1906.

Walter E. Ranger, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is an eloquent and scholarly production, full of zeal for the Craft and evidencing a first-class executive ability. On the condition of Masonry he says:

Throughout this jurisdiction there are abundant evidences of the worthy life of the fraternity and of the wondrous power of Masonry to ennoble mankind. Everywhere there is a reverent appreciation of its sublime truths, its inspiring beauty and its vivifying spirit. In the conduct of life the brethren shadow forth high Masonic ideals. Light shines brightly from our many altars. With hardly an exception peace and prosperity reign everywhere.

The reports of the Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Masters evidence a continuance of satisfactory condition and growth. The net gain in membership during the past year is 267, and makes our membership 11,802, of whom 559 have become Master Masons during the past year.

Vermont has one Mason for every thirty inhabitants, or a Mason for every eight men of lawful age. So far as I know no sister jurisdiction excels us in Masonic strength, either in the number of Masons relative to population or in the sterling manhood of our Masonic citizenship.

It was decided that the Order of the Eastern Star could meet in the lodge room by consent of the lodge. We opine that if the lodge did not consent there would be trouble at home for some of the married brethren. When the ladies want anything they generally get it.

In his review of Florida, Bro. Marsh O. Perkins has the following comment on favors to clergymen:

Possibly Bro. Wright may know some "overworked and underpaid" physician, lawyer, farmer, editor or laboring man. Why should not he be classed with the man of clerical cut? It is not only the abuse of the rule, but its use that brings discredit, because it is wholly unmasonic in principle and exercise, tending to caste distinction and unwarranted discrimination between men of equal financial standing.

We also quote from his notice of Maryland:

He continues to disagree with us, as to the proprieties to be observed in case of an objection to the advancement of an E. A. or F. C., and discusses the same at length, under Oregon.

We have read the same with the full measure of interest with which we always read his writings, but must confess we are not shaken in our belief that he is on the wrong track. True, the ancient regulations provide that "no one can be admitted a member of a particular lodge without the unanimous consent of all the members present." But when they were promulgated, E. A.'s were members of lodges in the fullest sense of the word, and all business except that directly appertaining to the F. C. and M. M. was transacted in the E. A. lodge. In process of time, evolution or revolution made of the M. M. degree the business end of lodges, an innovation, pure and simple, on ancient usage and law. While this may have emasculated in some measure the E. A., it did not, and could not, deprive him of a Mason's right to be heard in self-defence, as a Mason, and any law to the contrary is, in our belief, "an unwarrantable infringement" upon an inherent right of a brother.

Lodges, 103; members, 11,802; increase, 267.

Charles A. Calderwood (St. Johnsbury), G. M.

Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

VIRGINIA.

128th Communication, Richmond, February 13, 1906.

Thomas N. Davis, G. M.

On the work of the office, he says:

I had not been honored with this position for as much as two months when I had occasion to say—and completed experience has more than confirmed first impressions—that the office of Grand Master of Masons in Virginia is one to which many brethren aspire and few attain. During the brief period the mantle of a long line of illustrious predecessors has rested upon my humble shoulders, I have come to the conclusion, first, that those who fail to win the prize of its exalted position are to be congratulated; for the duties appertaining are various, onerous, exacting; the problems submitted by zealous and confiding brethren, perplexing and puzzling, demanding for their solution the quick perception of the man of business, the analytical trend of the trained lawyer, the patient and sympathetic temperament of the good pastor, and, above all, the noblesse oblige, the royalty of his high station compels him to be a just, upright and impartial judge, even if he has to use the sword of his great prerogative to cut the Gordian knot which refuses to relax under the application of law, usage, or custom.

The remarks of the Grand Master on his experience of laying corner stones will recall to the minds of some of our older Past Grand Masters similar circumstances, but we are much better now. Bro. Davis has the happy faculty of seeing the humorous side of things, but the at-

tentive reader will easily observe the lesson intended to be conveyed:

I do not think there are many more corner stones to be laid, as I have planted them in fact, or by written permission, over the greater portion of the State. I spent all of August and part of September last in the magnificent Valley of Virginia, attending to this particular duty. The official ceremony is somewhat cumbersome and monotonous, and does not adapt itself to the average geography of the situation; at least that is my experience and yet I may be wrong, for in one instance there was no unexpected or unknown quantity to solve. Worshipful Jos. B. Clower was the artist in charge and had evidently studied the formula, for there was a right place for everything and everything in the right place. A good Marshall—a man of voice and volition, and endowed with the genius of common sense—is an essential factor in the equation.

I think I can generally adapt myself to any misfit Masonic situation as I may find it, but some of my experiences in laying corner stones had me "whip-sawed."

In one instance, on five minutes notice, it was insisted that I should fill the position of orator, as is provided in the ceremony, to a large company already assembled. Fortunately the beneficiaries had provided, as they should, a distinguished divine to perform this important function.

In another case I was compelled to deliver the goods to a mixed company assembled in the town hall, and the only notice I had was a local printing handed me thirty minutes before the appointed time, which stated that the Grand Master of Masons would deliver a public address.

I have bent and twisted the ceremony to jab in a corner stone—so called—in a completed building; again, with the assistance of Bro. Eggleston, I broke it in pieces trying to pin a tablet to a Court House already in commission.

Can a corner stone be laid where no copies of the ceremony have been provided? I had to do it with the aid of one mutilated copy found in the flotsam of my hand bag.

Time fails me to tell you in how many cases my arrival was awaited in order that I might make the local appointments called for in the "Order of Procession," a duty that neither the District Deputy nor I had anything to do with.

The foregoing episodes may not strike your sense of humor. If so, I do not blame you, as their happenings were not conducive to good humor. I will be satisfied if their recital will serve as a kindergarten lesson to the Craft, and thus save my successor some wear and tear of the muscles of his mind.

The proposition of Colorado for a Collegium of Grand Lecturers was not approved.

All of the fifty District Deputies except two, and all of the six Division Lecturers made reports, showing harmony and prosperity in the lodges.

In his review of Canada for 1905, Bro. Joseph W.

Eggleston gives numerous extracts from the historical address of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and then says:

If further argument for our antiquity were necessary it would suffice to call attention to the fact that builders were once the very cream of social life. Indeed, they were the only aristocrats at one time, and all the intelligence and culture of the civilized world was devoted to architecture and its adornment. Conditions gradually changed, and after a while a balance in position was established and then the Craft began to add other cultured persons to its membership as Accepted Masons. When the operatives were the highest type, and occupied the most exalted position in society, were society in fact, the Craft was all operative, as conditions changed the Craft changed until it was chiefly speculative, and then the influence of changed conditions led to the organizations of Grand Lodges and also to record keeping. Any other reasoning is not logical or consistent with history.

Lodges, 284; members, 16,981; increase, 1,135.

Kosciusko Kemper (Alexandria), G. M.

Geo. W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

129th Communication, Richmond, February 13, 1907.

Kosciusko Kemper, G. M.

On the state of the Craft the Grand Master has the following:

The past year has been a very prosperous one. Peace and harmony has prevailed among the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. The lodges, for the most part, have been doing splendid work, taking into the fold intelligent young men, the pink and flower of the several communities in which located.

The officers, both from personal observation and information, are well equipped and doing excellent work in conferring degrees, and almost every lodge has among its members those thoroughly competent to fill any station to which they may be chosen. This satisfactory condition is due to the strict enforcement of the requirement that all shall be proficient in the catechism of the several degrees before advancement.

Nothing has occurred during the past year to disturb the friendly relations with other jurisdictions with which we are in correspondence.

I sing a Noble Science, wide proclaimed—
 An Ancient Art which ne'er can be defamed;
 My pen is bold, yet bolder is my theme;
 Long has it reigned, and long will reign supreme;
 And should the world, at this, my choice, demur,
 Or on these lines should cast some slighting slur—
 Still would my ardor for the theme increase,
 And still should I conduct my ode in peace.
 Begun in order—closed in harmony—
 What subject better than Freemasonry?

Alberta and Valle de Mexico were recognized.

They have 50 District Deputies, all of whom made reports, showing the lodges in good condition and well looked after.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1906, Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston has the following remarks on the non-payment of dues:

There is before us all a startling fact. It is that we have none of us devised the proper penalty for non-payment of dues. Some, like Virginia, suspended 'from all the rights and benefits of Masonry,' which is next to our greatest penalty possible to impose for the most flagrant crime a man can commit. Indeed, unless terminated by restoration, it is exactly the same as expulsion. Some drop from the roll and make non-affiliates of these delinquents. A few charge up dues during this suspension from lodge membership, and make payment of the dues to date, ipso facto, reinstate. Many a brother is at first only careless, possibly because temporarily hard up, with no thought of delinquency, until he wakes up to the fact that his dues have accumulated to an amount he does not feel able, in justice to his family, to pay. Now, such a case is more the fault of lodge officers than his own. Prompt collection is a duty. Would it not be well to impose a penalty on every lodge that permits a member to become delinquent to the extent of, say, one and one-half years' dues? This would result in either prompt collection, remission, or suspension, and at least eliminate one class of delinquents, and that the class we most care to keep within our doors.

Lodges, 284; members, 17,644; increase, 663.

Silvanus J. Quinn (Fredericksburg), G. M.

George W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

49th Communication, Spokane, June 12, 1906.

Abraham L. Miller, G. M.

He reports the condition of the Craft as very gratifying. The pleasure of the meeting was intensified by their beautiful surroundings, the prevailing prosperity of the country, and the prosperous outlook for the future.

The special duty on their lodge in Nome, Alaska, reports as follows:

I have no fear for the future of that lodge, the long winters there, coupled with the absence of theatrical entertainments such as we have in the States, give the members ample opportunity to study Masonry, both as a system of philosophy and a system of ritualism. Last winter they often met about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and kept the lodge open until 11 or 12 o'clock discussing every phase of Masonry and the esoteric

work. The officers invariably appear in full dress, as do many or the members and visiting brethren. They have a very high opinion of their lodge and they uphold its dignity in a manner that is very gratifying. I found them well versed in the standard work of Washington. I have little doubt that Anvil lodge will shortly become, if it is not already, the best governed and best working lodge within the grand jurisdiction of Washington.

Eight new lodges were organized.

A committee was appointed to prepare a cremation burial service.

The Grand Master decided that "Dimits can be issued only to Master Masons, and a dimit given to an E. A. in a foreign jurisdiction cannot be recognized here." The Committee on Jurisprudence very properly modified this decision as follows:

In this jurisdiction dimits can be issued to Master Masons only. The validity of a dimit granted in a foreign jurisdiction to an Entered Apprentice Mason is determined by the law of the jurisdiction which issued it.

Very interesting and appropriate memorial addresses were delivered regarding the death of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas M. Reed, who had held office for nearly 47 years. He was one of the original members of the Grand Lodge and its first Grand Secretary. He was widely known and highly esteemed and loved by his brethren. When the Washington Masonic Home is built it is to be called "The Reid Memorial Home," as a perpetual monument to his life and services.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1905, Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick has the following:

The event of the session was an historical address by M. W. J. Ross Robertson. It is one of the most valuable contributions of the year, being a plain statement of the history and growth of the Order as we know it. He divests the subject of that air of mystery so often employed by those who assume to be our better informed brethren, and makes a readable monograph on the historical elements of speculative Masonry. We regret that we cannot reproduce so much of it as it is not of purely local interest.

We also quote the following from his notice of Indiana. It is applicable to more Grand Lodges than one:

This suggestion of individual responsibility is a good one. Scores of men attend the sessions of our Grand Lodge who take no part whatever in the deliberations of these bodies. They suggest nothing, they are never met in opposition, and

yet they are among the first to criticize if things do not go as they think they should go. Only last year we heard a Master of a lodge say that he did not care to go to the Grand Lodge because "a lot of you old fellows do all the talking and a new-comer stands no show." We venture that there is not a Grand Lodge in America that would not welcome an infusion of bright new blood. It is true that there is a disposition to keep in evidence that and those "which has gone before," but whose fault is it? An incoming Grand Master, ambitious, but anxious for the success of his administration, is bound to turn to those who have made good, and so long as met sit silently by and watch the stream sweep past without even casting a leaf on the flowing tide they have no cause to complain. This is not the day of the unknown, and the Craft should be taught that preferment is possible for all, but will only come to those who by their skill have actually earned promotion. Every Mason should be made to feel his individual responsibility. Who best can work and best agree sounds well in the ritual; it would look better in practice.

Lodges, 145; members, 9,880; increase, 883.

Edward F. Waggoner (Spokane), G. M.

Horace W. Tyler (Olympia), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Proceedings from April, 1905, to April, 1906.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, July 28, 1905.

Owing to the absence of the Grand Master in the Old Country the Grand Lodge was opened by the Pro. Grand Master, Bro. Michael Samson. In his address the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is thus referred to:

It is a matter of keen disappointment to all brethren in Western Australia who prize Masonic peace and harmony above the external advantages of constitutional preferment, to learn that Bro. the Rev. D. I. Freedman, the Scottish District Grand Master Substitute, has brought back from Edinburgh a report conveying the most emphatic refusal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to endorse the satisfactory scheme of settlement which was arranged between ourselves and the local Scotch brethren. Australasia has long grown accustomed to the hostility of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and certainly the Grand Lodge of Western Australia never expected any sympathy while the present administration holds sway, but what we did hope for was some respect for the resolutions of her own District Grand Lodge, for she had already announced that matters affecting intercourse were left entirely to the brethren concerned. The convenient manner in which she ignores the representations of her own brethren in Western Australia is a striking commentary on the wisdom of being governed by a body of men residing on the other side of the globe, who know nothing whatever of local conditions.

and who are quite incapable of appreciating any of the difficulties which her brethren beyond the seas may have to contend with. From the latest proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland I quote the following reference to Western Australia :

"A communication from the District Grand Master of Western Australia intimating the resolutions of his District Grand Lodge, recommending that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should recognize a body designating itself the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and requesting that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should terminate its jurisdiction in the colony, was read and considered. Grand Committee unanimously declined to accede to the recommendations, and approved of the terms of a letter intimating this decision, which it instructed Grand Secretary to send in reply to the District Grand Master."

That portion of the report that mainly interests us is the indication of the steady manner in which we are winning our way into the affections of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In the early stages of our correspondence we were referred to as "Bro. Stevenson's body," then we became a "would be Grand Lodge," and later on "a so called Grand Lodge;" and now we have risen to the high and dignified position of "a body designating itself a Grand Lodge." This variety of nomenclature is explained on reading Clause 4 of Bro. Freedman's report, when he says, "the Foreign and Colonial Committee decline to take any note of the recognition given to the West Australian Constitution by practically all the rest of the Grand Lodges throughout the world, and in Clause 8, "the Committee hoped that the brethren would remain loyal to the flag of Scotland." This expression forcibly reminds us that neither Scotland, nor indeed does any other country, possess a distinctive Masonic flag. Masonry is universal, and its universality is one of the secrets of its wonderful power and growth. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are what demand our loyalty as Masons, and while we remain steadfast to our great principles we can afford to be indifferent to that incessant pleading from across the seas which keeps continually calling for loyalty and support to a flag which has no Masonic significance. The brethren in Western Australia are rapidly becoming educated on this question, and as education advances, so in proportion will adhesion to the Grand Lodge of Scotland disappear. The only ray of sunshine that peers through the Scottish clouds is the admission of the Foreign and Colonial Committee that the severance of fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was a mistake, and this admission leads us to hope that they will finally be influenced by the prevailing sentiment of English speaking Masons, and recede from a position which finds no support except among themselves.

In conclusion, I desire to pay a tribute of praise, and to offer our thanks to the local Scotch Masons for their honest and praiseworthy efforts to improve the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs, and to express to them our regret that their Edinburgh rulers did not accord them that freedom of action in local matters which they promised in 1903. For

the better information of the members of Grand Lodge, I have instructed the Grand Secretary to print the remarks of Scotland's Foreign and Colonial Committee in the report of this Communication.

Authority was given to the Board of General Purposes to appoint a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Quarterly Communication, Boulder, October 27, 1905.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, G. M.

Of part of his tour, he says:

While I have been away from the State I have taken advantage of my opportunities to have interviews with the Grand Secretary of England, who communicated to me the result of the deliberations of the Joint Committee of England, Ireland and Scotland on the formation of Grand Lodges. I am afraid that I was very vexed and showed my disapproval very plainly. Not that it matters to us now, but it seemed to me that if the conditions laid down by this committee are to be fulfilled, then there is absolutely no chance of any more Grand Lodges being formed. I pointed out that it appeared to be impossible for Masons at home to understand the conditions under which we labor, and that it was impossible for us to be dictated to by those at home. Before any decision had been come to I think all the Grand Lodges in the Colonies and America should have been consulted.

Masonry is carried on here with great enthusiasm, great zeal, and I may add, with every indication of acting in a truly Masonic spirit, and it ought to be taken for granted that we only want to act for the good of the Craft in general. We in our Constitution are neither English, Irish, or Scotch, but, just as the State is chiefly built up of men from these three great nations, and we are here living in peace one with another, and building up a new nation, so is Masonry, under the banner of Western Australia, we recognize no distinction of race, but are one in brotherhood and sympathy.

I saw the Grand Master of New South Wales, who is perfectly satisfied that his Grand Lodge and ours did what was right in recognizing the new Grand Lodge of Queensland. I was able to sympathize with him in the regret they feel in New South Wales that His Excellency the Governor, the genial Sir Henry Rawson, is still delayed in England, owing to the serious illness of Lady Rawson, and that the date of the installation of Sir Harry as G. M. of New South Wales has had again to be postponed. We all wish Lady Rawson a speedy recovery and Sir Harry a speedy return to Sydney.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, January 26, 1906.

The Grand Master reports the coming over of another Scotch lodge. The motion for the return of the Warrant to the Grand Lodge of Scotland was carried with but one dissident.

On undress regalia the following report of the Board was adopted:

For some time past the Board has had under consideration the advisableness of providing Grand Officers with sets of undress regalia, with a view to saving the wear and tear of the full dress regalia at present in use, and also to enable Past Grand Officers to procure regalia at a moderate price. Messrs. Spencer & Co., London, who supplied the other Grand Lodge regalia, have submitted a sample undress set, which the Board approves of. The apron and collar will cost £2 17s. 6d., and japanned air-tight case, with lock and key, 10s., making a total of £3 7s. 6d. per set, subject to a discount of 25 per cent. The Board recommends (1) Grand Lodge to authorize the necessary expenditure for the purchase of 22 sets of undress regalia, at the cost of £3 7s. 6d. per set, less 25 per cent.; (2) that the Board of General Purposes be authorized to make the necessary alteration in the regalia clauses of the Book of Constitution (Rules 192-3).

Upon the special report of the Board of Benevolence, fund was established to be called the West Australian Widows, Orphans and Aged Freemasons' Fund. It is to be supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

Quarterly Communication, April 27, 1906.

Two more Scotch lodges surrendered their warrants and joined the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Steps were taken for a conference of all the Grand Lodges of Australia, with a view to the formation of a Council of Reference, to which questions of Masonic autonomy and other matters may from time to time be referred. This movement should succeed. The idea is a good one and should be supported. If they all act as one body their influence will be enormously increased.

Their first report on Correspondence is the joint production of a committee of seven. Canada for 1904 and 1905 is fraternally noticed. On the pernicious results of too much concurrent jurisdiction the following example is given:

It is safe to assume that competition in most things in life is beneficial, but when applied to Freemasonry it is accompanied by disastrous results. It is related that in a certain Australian state, before a Grand Lodge was formed there, and at a time when the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions had concurrent jurisdiction, seven brethren formed a new lodge in a certain township, and before two months had elapsed the same brethren formed another lodge in a neighboring township. It was doubtful if there was really room for the first lodge, but the second there was no room for, because it was formed solely for the purpose of keeping another Constitution out. In order to live it was necessary that each of these lodges should initiate a fair number of candidates each year, and as Masonic material of requisite quality is not

too plentiful in small Australian townships, it is at once evident that under such circumstances "selection" becomes impossible, and a real danger to the Craft is thus constituted. There are towns in Australia with a population not exceeding 2,000, where there are three lodges of three different Constitutions. As a rule, nobody who desires to join the Craft is kept out here, for if one lodge refuses a candidate one of the others will be sure to accept him. In one case competition got so keen that one lodge initiated candidates on the time-payment system. District Grand Masters cannot be held guiltless of the charge of indiscriminately opening new lodges, for they often permit the element of competition to influence their administrative acts to the temporary advantage of their own Constitution, and the permanent injury of the Craft in that particular territory.

Lodges, 76; members, 3,684; increase, 162.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Rilev (Perth), G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

42nd Communication, Huntington, November 14, 1906.
George W. McClintic, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

'We have had in our material affairs a prosperous year in this jurisdiction, and naturally a prosperous people have produced a prosperous Masonic year. Our members have rapidly increased and four new lodges have been formed, and we believe that in all respects the fraternity is to be congratulated upon the splendid showing made.'

Queensland and Alberta were recognized, and the requests for recognition of Brazil and Valle de Mexico were postponed.

Liquor sellers are ineligible for initiation of affiliation, and any member who hereafter engages in the sale of liquor is guilty of a Masonic offence and liable to expulsion.

The Grand Secretary presented a capital report on Correspondence. Canada for 1906 receives the most cordial attention. In his review of Louisiana we find the following:

He advocates the patronizing of Masonic periodicals, his observation teaching him, he says, "that a reading person is generally a wise man and Mason." That, my brother, is the general consensus of opinion of every intelligent and wide-awake brother, and why our Masonic journals are not more generally and liberally patronized and read by the brethren

of the fraternity is as much a mystery to me as "How old is Ann?" Their editors are as bright and intellectual a set of men as wield the pen in other branches of literature, and every issue of their periodicals present something new and worthy not only of the attention of the thoughtful, progressive Mason, but of filing away and preserving for reference. Yes, brethren, get a move on you, subscribe for some Masonic periodical, and if you don't care to read it, we will wager the proverbial "doughnut to dollars" that your family does and will not miss a line of it either, including the advertisements. Try it a year anyhow.

Lodges, 136; members, 11,006; increase, 883.

Tom G. Strickler (Ellenboro), G. M.

H. R. Howard (Point Pleasant), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

62nd Communication, Milwaukee, June 12, 1906.

Jesse C. Bradley, G. M.

The reports show a most gratifying condition of the Craft and in the affairs of the Grand Lodge. They are fortunate in having a liberal brother who has given the Craft a Masonic Home:

Through the splendid generosity of Bro. Willard A. Van Brunt, of Horicon, Wisconsin is to have a Masonic Home, he having deeded to the Wisconsin Consistory, A. A. S. R., the Van Brunt farm of 320 acres near Dousman, Wisconsin, about thirty miles from Milwaukee. This farm has the reputation of being one of the very finest and best in the State of Wisconsin, and with its splendid location, buildings and equipment it is an ideal place for a Masonic Home. I am informed that arrangements for the equipment of the home are well under way and that it will be open for the brethren this fall. Full information relative to arrangements for admission to the Home, etc., will soon be obtainable from the Secretary of the Wisconsin Consistory Home Association. A provision in the deed of conveyance of the Van Brunt farm covers the admission of all Master Masons in good standing.

The sum of \$1,000 was ordered to be set aside annually for the use of the Grand Master, to be dispensed by him for charitable purposes as in his judgment may seem wise.

Alberta was recognized and the application of Valle de Mexico was refused.

Bro. Aldra Jenks reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905. His comments on the injustice of the joint resolution of England, Scotland and Ireland are forcible and, to the point:

The third resolution violates every principle of Masonic law and never should have been agreed to. A majority of the

lodges working in any province are fully competent to decide as to the advisability of setting up an independent Grand Lodge; if this is done no new lodge should be warranted in this territory by the mother Grand Lodges. To require "at least two-thirds of the lodges in each jurisdiction" to signify their adhesion to the new body is grossly unjust and unmasonic. This resolution, however, goes even still farther and withholds recognition unless it is granted by all three of the mother Grand Lodges, notwithstanding two-thirds of the lodges existing under each Constitution may request it. It practically leaves but one course to be pursued in establishing a Grand Lodge in a province and that is by Masonic rebellion. Suppose in any province there were one hundred lodges working under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, one hundred under the Grand Lodge of England, and two working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, as it has heretofore done, prohibits the lodges or member of lodges under its obedience, in the lodge or out of it to discuss the advisability of forming an independent Grand Lodge; under these circumstances one of these Scotch Lodges fails to give its adhesion to the movement to organize a new Grand Lodge while all of the 201 remaining lodges are desirous of doing so. Under the resolution agreed to, recognition must be withheld by all of these Grand Lodges, the objection of this one lodge frustrating the desire of all the others. It is certainly much better that lodges should be governed by one local Grand Lodge composed of their own representatives and conversant with their own situation and needs rather than be governed by three independent Grand Lodges on the other side of the globe. As long as Masons are Free Masons it is safe to say that they will not permanently submit to such dictation by the parent Grand Lodge, whether they receive recognition therefrom or not; nor will other independent Grand Lodges, through courtesy, respect such determination or unite in an endeavor to coerce the lodges to remain in obedience to the mother Grand Lodges.

Lodges, 254; members, 22,118; increase, 867.

Edwin J. Farr (Eau Claire), G. M.

William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

32nd Communication, Douglas, September 5, 1906.

M. R. Johnston, G. M.

The address contains a clear account of official acts and visitations, with several decisions. Two new lodges were opened.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Western Australia were recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to prepare, have printed and distributed to our lodges at cost, cards or certificates to be signed by the secretary of lodge issuing same, with seal of lodge attached, and the certificate of our Grand Secretary certifying to the regularity of said lodge.

Bro. Kuykendall was elected Grand Secretary for the twentieth time consecutively.

In his review of Scotland he says:

In our last report we had occasion to refer to the action of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland regarding the formation of new Grand Lodges by lodges of their constitution, over which trouble has arisen in nearly every case in the past and is now patent in the cases of Western Australia and Queensland. From an American standpoint the foundation for all the trouble and friction arising is caused by the position maintained by both of said Grand Lodges on two questions unheard of in this country, namely: The insistence upon maintaining within the territory of a new Grand Lodge all of their lodges that decline to join in forming the latter as long as said lodges determine to hold aloof; secondly, in preventing or allowing their Provincial and District Grand Masters to prevent, a full, free and untrammelled expression by all the lodges which are requested by invitation to send delegates to a convention for the purpose of determining the question of forming a new Grand Lodge, and after the same is formed with some lodges not participating therein, to refuse to grant recognition only on condition that all their rights be reserved and guaranteed to said lodges. In other words, recognition with a string to it. All this, too, in face of the fact that both of said Grand Lodges claim complete sovereignty over every inch of their own territory.

All this from a nearly universal Masonic standpoint is utterly indefensible and we were surprised when we read that the conference between the representatives of said Grand Lodges had agreed that no new Grand Lodges would hereafter be recognized by either except upon above conditions and unless two-thirds of all the lodges of each constitution in a given territory, instead of a majority as heretofore held, shall join in their formation. Beyond this agreement we believe it is held everywhere that a majority only is necessary, and many Masonic jurists claim that where all the lodges in a given territory where no Grand Lodge exists are specially invited to participate in a convention to determine the question of forming a Grand Lodge, the representatives of three or more of said lodges can, to all intents and purposes, form a legally organized Grand Lodge. In such cases we have always held to the majority rule, but believe that where strong influence, repressive measures and any interference whatever is brought to bear to prevent such participation a Grand Lodge can be formed legally by three or more lodges in any unoccupied territory or in any province or colony having a

status and boundaries under the civil government of the mother country.

Canada for 1905 has fraternal notice.

Peter S. Cook (Cheyenne), G. M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

ALBERTA.

First Annual Communication, Medicine Hat, February 20, 1906.

O. W. Kealy, G. J. W. as Grand Master.

The Grand Master, Bro. George Macdonald, was not able to be present and his address was read by the acting Grand Master. It commences as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., is at last a body in effect and recognized by our mother Grand Lodge and the fraternity as a trustworthy offspring, capable of ruling and governing, and we hope and trust capable of adding generously to the wealth of our Masonic teachings. I hope we may ever merit the kindness and good feeling which have accompanied us into existence and that the trust reposed in us is well founded, and that we may be found extending the sphere of our usefulness and adding light and lustre to our time-honored institution.

As far back as the year 1888 several of our brethren were looking forward to the dawn of this our Grand Masonic body, and some of them are still spared to join with us in welcoming the existence of a new star in the Masonic firmament. May it soon in its symbolic teachings reach its zenith, paralleling the brilliancy of the mid-day sun, and may it long continue so, and though at times its brightness may dim as fleeting clouds obscure its lustre may it ever resume its brilliant path and never find a setting.

New lodges were opened at High River and Carstairs.

A number of amendments were found to be necessary to their new Constitution, and a special committee was appointed to consider further amendments and to correct all inconsistencies.

A committee was appointed to consider ways and means to establish a Masonic Home and School.

Lodges, 20; members, 1,206; increase, 37.

O. W. Kealy (Medicine Hat), G. M.

J. J. Dunlop (Edmonton), G. S.

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All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

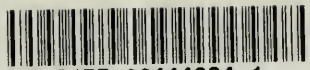
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